

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

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Sunday of the Word of God · January 26, 2020



## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

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**The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport**  
**United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service**

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**LIVING GOSPEL LIVING JESUS****Youth Faith Formation  
Catholic Kids Camp****THE WAY OF THE CROSS  
BEGINS FEBRUARY 18TH 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 next Catholic Kids Camp: Living Gospel, Living Jesus from Tuesday, February 18th through February 21st from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of fun, fellowship, and prayer, our young disciples will encounter the men and women who met Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Our learning plan features active and engaged participation in games, music, prayer, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 18th  
Pilate and the Temple Leaders

Day II: Wednesday, February 19th  
Veronica & Simon

Day III: Thursday, February 20th  
The Soldiers and the Women of Jerusalem

Day IV: Friday, February 21st  
Mary, John, and Joseph of Arimathea

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is an exciting educational program that you children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the winter school vacation is just \$30 per child for the entire week. Scholarships are available for those families that cannot afford tuition. In addition, adults and children (age 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at [ccgronline.com/formation](http://ccgronline.com/formation). For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Word of God Sunday

BY POPE FRANCIS

A profound bond links sacred scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing and what is heard is based on the word of Christ, we believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in our personal prayer and reflection...

Regular reading of sacred scriptures and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather as a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his work and to break bread with the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred scripture. Otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.

Sacred scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work. We should always keep in mind the teaching found in the Book of Revelation: The Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open the door for him, he will enter and eat with them (Revelation 3:20). Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us...

Sacred scripture accomplishes its prophetic work above all in those who listen to it. It proves both sweet and bitter. We are reminded of the words of the prophet Ezekiel, who when commanded by the Lord to eat the scroll of the book, tells us: "It was in my mouth as sweet as honey (Ezekiel 3:3)." Likewise, John the Evangelist, when living on the Island of Patmos, echoes Ezekiel's experience of eating the scroll, but he adds: "It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter (Revelation 10:10)."

The sweetness of God's word leads us to share it with everyone we meet in this life and to proclaim the certain hope that it contains. In turn, its bitterness often comes from our realization of how difficult we find it to live that word consistently or our personal experience of seeing it rejected as meaningless in life. We should never take God's work for granted, but instead let ourselves be nourished by it, so that we may acknowledge and live more fully our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters...

Yet another challenge raised by sacred scripture involves love. God's word constantly reminds us of the merciful love that calls his children to live in love. The life of Jesus is the full and perfect expression of this divine love which holds back nothing but offers itself to everyone without reservation...To listen to sacred scripture and then to practice mercy: this is the great challenge before us in life. God's word has the power to open our eyes and enable us to renounce our stifling and barren individualism and instead embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity. Amen!

Francis



## CALL TO FELLOWSHIP

# TRIVIA NIGHT

A BRAIN TEASING SPECIAL EVENT  
**TRIVIA NIGHT with FATHER JIM**  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 7:00PM

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for a brain-teasing, mind-blowing, and fast-paced “Trivia Night with Father Jim” on Saturday, February 8th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm in Our Lady’s Hall. Throughout the evening, Father Jim (who secretly longs to be a game show host) will ask a series of questions on a wide array of topics including music and sports, movies and television, books and history, politics and religion!

Participants will be organized into teams of eight. All are welcome to organize a team in advance or join a team when you arrive! Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the door, in our parish office, or by contacting Father Jim. All are invited to bring their own food and snacks. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and soft drinks will be offered for sale (along with a cash bar). Father Jim also promises raffles with some very cool prizes!

Don’t miss this opportunity to impress your friends and fellow parishioners with your knowledge of facts, figures, and trivia! Don’t miss the chance to share a few laughs! Don’t miss the chance to win a great prize! And don’t miss the chance to raise some much need funds for Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! For more information, please contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## PASTOR’S NOTE WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

For the latest information about weather related cancellations during the winter season, please visit our website: [ccgronline.com](http://ccgronline.com). Announcements will also be made via WBZ1030 and [cbsboston.com](http://cbsboston.com). All parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are reminded that if public schools are closed due to inclement weather on a particular day, then our weekday Mass and all parish programs (including all adult and youth faith formation programs) also will be cancelled. Peace & blessings to all! Stay safe! Stay warm! — Father Jim

## MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: [ccgronline.com](http://ccgronline.com)!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### PASTOR’S NOTE ABOUT THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE Sunday of the Word of God

This week’s message is an excerpt from *Aperuit Illis* (or *Opened For Them*) an Apostolic Letter in which Pope Francis announces that beginning this year, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time will be henceforth celebrated all around the world as the Sunday of the Word of God. This is an opportunity for us to renew our devotion to, study of, and prayer with the sacred scriptures. The pope has long-encouraged all Catholic Christians to spend some time each day reading from the Gospels; and now he calls us to do more — to truly live the Gospel of Christ, to truly share God’s love and mercy with those we meet along the way, and to truly rebuild the Church by modeling our lives after the life of Christ and his saints.

Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we are responding to the Holy Father’s call by embarking on a year-long journey to grow closer to Christ, to the Church, and to each other by praying with, reflecting upon, and discussing sacred scripture in all of our adult and youth faith formation programs (see page two and the insert in this weekend’s newsletter).

Pope Francis writes: “We should never take God’s word for granted, but instead let ourselves be nourished by it, so that we may acknowledge and live more fully our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.” May this be both our prayer and our mission for the coming year! For more information about adult faith formation, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com). For more information about youth faith formation, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

## ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER Join us: [ccgronline.com/prayer!](http://ccgronline.com/prayer!)

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at [ccgronline.com/prayer!](http://ccgronline.com/prayer!) Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites which are 90 second meditations on the Church’s daily scripture readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use link for praying Morning and Evening Prayer.

In addition, please join us each weekend for Bringing Home the Word, a weekly newsletter that includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with contemporary thoughts on scripture, spirituality, and gospel living in the modern world. Every Saturday, a new edition is posted at [ccgronline.com/news!](http://ccgronline.com/news!) Join us!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE FRIED DOUGH BREAKFAST

**Saturday, February 1st · Begins at 9:00am**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for a Fried Dough Breakfast on Saturday, February 1st from 9:00am until 11:00am in Our Lady's Hall. Coffee, tea, and our delicious home-made fried dough and loaves of our famous freshly-baked sweetbread will be offered for sale. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady's Parish. For more information, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us for this special morning of great food and fellowship! Spread the word! Bring your family! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

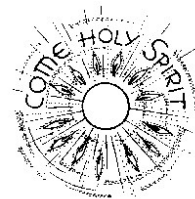
### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

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. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry needs these items:

Assorted Canned Soups  
Assorted Canned Vegetables  
Boxed Cereal · Boxed Hot Cereals  
Beef Stew · Chef Boyardee  
Canned Tuna · Chicken & Tuna Helper  
Chips, Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Pasta & Sauce · Ramen Noodles · Rice-a-Roni  
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com. If you or your family needs our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! May God bless you and your family!

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM YEAR 1 BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH!

For many teenagers, the Sacrament of Confirmation has become a kind of graduation *from* the Catholic Church, rather than the joyful beginning of life as an adult disciple *within* the Church. We hope to end this sad situation by transforming our sacramental preparation program into an engaging process for the whole family.

First, we place primary importance on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church asked every parish to offer sacramental preparation programs for children and teenagers. During recent decades, however, we neglected to remind parents of their baptismal promise to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals; and that the most important part of that responsibility is attending Mass as a family.

In our increasingly busy world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction, but then not join us for Mass on the weekend. We will continue to ask parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education by joining us for one of our seven weekend Masses!

In addition, all high school students (beginning in the ninth grade) are asked to actively participate in our two-year preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the first year, students will attend seven interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. These sessions begin on Sunday, February 9th. During the second year, students will attend seven additional workshops and a mini-retreat that are designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; prepare them to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and jumpstart their spiritual lives as faithful and faith-filled young disciples.

If your child is now in high school and sincerely wants to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form at return it to us as soon as possible! Registration forms are available from our website: ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about our youth faith formation programs in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

<b>Saturday, January 25</b>	<b>Vigil · 3rd Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Garrisi Family
6:00pm · OLGV	John Orlando
<b>Sunday, January 26</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Eleanora T. Tarr
10:00am · Saint Joachim	John & Mary Herlihy
11:45am · OLGV	Giuseppina & Francesco Passalacqua
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Intentions of Pope Francis
<b>3rd Week in Ordinary Time</b>	
Monday, January 27 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, January 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, January 29 8:00am · OLGV	Gerald O'Connor
Thursday, January 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Captain John & Sally Piscitello
Friday, January 31 8:00am · OLGV	Martin Dillon
Saturday, February 1 8:00am · OLGV	John & Adrienne Unis
<b>Saturday, February 2</b>	<b>Vigil · 4th Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph & Angela Curcuru
6:00pm · OLGV	Antonio Ferrara
<b>Sunday, February 3</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Father Eugene Alves
8:15am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Francesca Garcia
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Intentions of Pope Francis

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of January 18th & January 19th**

Weekly Offerings	\$4,574.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$5,452.00
Second Collection (Latin America)	\$721.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of January 18th & January 19th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,279.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,359.00
Second Collection	N/A

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

**SANCTUARY GIFTS**

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary candles, and altar gifts (hosts & 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. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Joseph McGillivray & Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Vincenza Ferrara  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of John & Mary Herlihy  
Sanctuary Flowers · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Richard Cusick  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Antonio "Tony" Saputo  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact our parish office at [office@ccgronline.com](mailto:office@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

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