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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

## MAKING ROOM FOR GOD

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## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Saints for All Seasons Annual Mini-Retreat Series

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH AT 5:30PM

Now more than ever, we need to step back from the business and busyness of daily life and focus on our relationships with Jesus and those we are called to love. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave behind home, work, and family for a real retreat from the responsibilities of the world. For this reason and for the third consecutive year, we are very pleased to announce a special series of mini-retreats called Saints for All Seasons.

Throughout his long priestly ministry, Pope Francis has called people of all ages and backgrounds to learn about and pray with the saints. The Holy Father believes in his heart that the saints bring us closer to Christ, closer to the Church, and closer to each other. He says: "The saints are still here, not far from us; and their images [and relics] in our churches evoke the 'cloud of witnesses' that always surrounds us (cf. Hebrews 12:1)...The saints remind us that even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin, holiness can unfold (4-7-21)."

In this spirit of unfolding holiness, all are invited to join us in April, May, and July for a series of two-hour mini-retreats. These times of prayer, reflection, and adoration will focus on the lives of three amazing saints: Saint Zita of Lucca, Saint Joan of Arc, and Saint Veronica. Each mini-retreat will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass in Saint Anthony Chapel. After Mass, Father Jim and Brother Patrick will offer a reflection on the life and veneration of a saint whose life of holiness and love of neighbor has inspired men and women all around the world. There will be time for questions and faith sharing, too.

After each reflection, we will pray in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and in veneration of the holy images of each saint of the day. We will conclude by praying the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Here's our upcoming schedule:

#### SAINT ZITA OF LUCCA

#### AN ASSISI PROJECT PODCAST

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#### SAINT JOAN OF ARC

Thursday, May 30th

Begins with Mass at 5:30pm

Saint Anthony Chapel

#### SAINT VERONICA

Friday, July 12th

Begins with Mass at 5:30pm

Saint Anthony Chapel

We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special series in celebration of the saints which was so popular last year! For more information, please contact Brother Patrick at [brpatrick@ccgrounline.com](mailto:brpatrick@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Save the dates! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Making Room for God

BY PAIGE BYRNE SHORTAL

In my part of the world, May is not a time to think about personal self-improvement and other interior matters. We do that in January, during Lent, maybe in September, but not in May. In rural Missouri, May is when the weather is reliably warm. It is time to raise the storm windows and let in the fresh air. It is time for spring cleaning the house, for throwing out the accumulation of winter.

It is astounding what we hold on to. The shirt we never wear but might someday. The books we never read but might someday. The platters, plastic storage containers, pots with no lids, lids with no pots, that old brown purse, the shoes that never fit, unused tools, half-completed projects, that cluttery stuff! It's too much! Let's go yard-sale-ing instead. Sale signs are popping up everywhere along with the violets. There might be some good deals. But first, what about the cost of too much stuff?

In our house, we try to control too much stuff by adhering to the wisdom of designer William Morris, who said: "Have nothing in your homes that you do not know to be useful and believe to be beautiful." My husband is better at it than I am. He has a rule for himself. When something comes in, something must go out. Give him a shirt, he gives a shirt away. He has one small closet, one bureau drawer. I cheat. I put clothes in a cedar chest so I can decide later what to do with them.

Here is a sobering fact. The self-storage industry claims more than \$39 billion in annual revenues and construction spending on self-storage has increased by 584% from January 2015 to January 2020. Self-storage is an apt name. For we give a little bit of ourselves to each thing we own — our time and energy to buy it, clean it, walk around it, store it, wonder what to do with it. And someday, someone we love will inherit all this stuff. Lucky them.

A home can hold only a few beautiful and useful things. Too much and they cease to be beautiful or useful. The same is true for our hearts and minds. We can only hold so much. If our homes are cluttered, chances are that our hearts and minds will be cluttered, too.

In the Easter stories, we hear about the disciples hiding in the upper room or walking on the road to Emmaus or meeting Jesus on the shore. Keeping a low profile, they would have traveled light, and they are feeling empty inside after the death of their friend and teacher. Each time Jesus appeared to them, they did not recognize him. Who would? He was dead! But they had room for him and his words. Their eyes were opened, their hearts burned within them, and his words changed their lives.

Do we have room for life-changing words? Do we have time for the Risen Jesus? For Jesus to rise in us, anything that is not of Jesus has to go. Let's do what comes naturally in May. Let's spring clean. But while we are cleaning out the closet, let's let go of whatever is holding us back from being the person we are meant to be. As we jettison the outgrown clothes or unused kitchen items, let's also surrender the grudges, anxieties, selfishness, envy, pessimism, cynicism, anything and everything about which the Holy Spirit is whispering in our ear: *Oh come on, you don't need that. Let it go. Trust me.*

About the Author: Paige Byrne Shortal is an author, choir singer, and lay minister. She holds degrees in theology and pastoral ministry from Saint Louis University and the Aquinas Institute of Theology. After forty years in pastoral ministry, she is enjoying semi-retirement with her husband, three adult children, two dogs, a cat, and a dozen chickens on a rural homestead in Missouri. Paige Byrne Shortal is also a regular contributor to *Bringing Home the Word* which is posted each week at ccgronline.com.

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### A Call to Prayer Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

#### AN ANCIENT PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my hope.  
The Son is my refuge.  
The Holy Spirit is my protector.  
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity,  
now and forever. Amen.

#### A PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Glory to the Father,  
who by his almighty power and love,  
created me and made me  
in the image and likeness of God.

Glory to the Son,  
who by his precious blood  
delivered me from darkness,  
and opened for me  
the gates of heaven forever.

Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
who has sanctified me  
through the Sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me  
by the daily blessings  
given graciously from his bounty.

Glory to the three adorable persons  
of the Most Holy Trinity,  
both now and forever. Amen.

Glory to the Father,  
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen.

#### GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 28:19

Go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

NOW MORE THAN EVER,  
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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization that is dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work through Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and the needy. Help us help others! Donations can be pushed through the mail slot in the parish office, dropped in the collection basket at any Weekend Mass, or mailed to:

Saint Vincent de Paul Society  
74 Pleasant Street  
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parishes and hometowns, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-8672 or Robert Weeks at svdpmember1@gmail.com. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! May God bless you!

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

ALL NEW CLOTHES CLOSET  
OPEN SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH SATURDAYS

The all-new Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet is now open for business in Saint Ann Church Hall on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of every month from 9:00am until 12:00pm. All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are welcome to drop by and check out the All New Clothes Closet by entering through the Pleasant Street doors of Saint Ann Church Hall.

Donations of gently worn clothing and shoes are now gratefully accepted during our regular hours and in the bin located in the Saint Ann School parking lot. Please note that we cannot accept donations of books, toys, or household items. For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet, please contact Bridget Nelligan at 781-572-4752 or Cathy Kyrouz at 978-290-1756. Thank you for your generous support

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF MAY 18TH & 19TH

#### Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,788
Electronic	\$885
Total	\$6,673

#### Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$4,050
Electronic	\$554
Total	\$4,604

#### Grand Annual Collections

Holy Family	\$74,485 (99%)
Our Lady's	\$26,885 (99%)

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

### Madonna del Rosario Society Mother's Day Luncheon

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST AT NOON

The Madonna del Rosario Society will celebrate its Annual Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, June 1st from 12:00pm until 3:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Hall. After a brief business meeting, a delicious buffet lunch will be served to our members and guests. Tickets are \$15.00 each for members and \$25 each for guests. All tickets must be purchased by May 28th.

To purchase tickets or to inquire about the Madonna del Rosario Society and its good work in our parishes, please contact Jolene Erickson at 978-283-2329; Marie Silva at 978-283-7820; or Claudia Thompson at 978-325-6554. All friends, family, and fellow parishioners are invited to join us for this special event! All are welcome!

#### MEMORIAL DAY

A HOLY MASS FOR OUR FALLEN HEROES

Monday, May 27th at 8:00am  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
All are welcome!

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### The Mother's Heart Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST  
BEGINS WITH MASS AT 8:00AM

For more than one hundred years, the stained glass windows in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church have inspired men and women of faith to reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary under her various titles and patronages. Under her mantle, generations of good and hardworking people have found comfort, consolation, and the strength to carry on during challenging times.

Throughout this year, Father Jim, Brother Patrick, and the Assisi Project are focusing our prayers and reflections on the Blessed Mother as she is depicted in the windows of our beloved church. We will not focus so much on the art and architecture of the windows, but on the deep devotion and spirituality inspired by each image of Mary.

In this spirit, all are invited to join us for the Mother's Heart: A Morning of Prayer with Our Lady, Queen of Apostles on Saturday, June 1st beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Brother Patrick and Father Jim will offer a brief reflection on Our Lady, Queen of Apostles. We will also have plenty of time for questions and faith sharing.

Since the 12th century, Mary has been venerated as mother and queen of apostles. This devotion is rooted in the sacred scriptures where we find Mary walking with and offering guidance to those who believe in her Son. As the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport prepares for Saint Peter's Fiesta (June 26th through June 30th), it seems right and fitting that we reflect on the Blessed Mother's love for the apostles.

For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please see Brother Patrick or contact him at 978-281-4820 or brpatrick@assisiproject.com. Save the date! Spread the word! Bring a friend! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 25th – June 2nd**

<b>Saturday, May 25</b>	<b>Vigil · Holy Trinity</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Olympia Louise Palazzola
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	John A. Brown
<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Holy Trinity</b>
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	The Silva Family
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Angela & Charles Ciaramitaro
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	The Kaminsky Family
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Manuel & Lidia Roberto
	<b>Ordinary Time</b>
May 29 at 5:30pm Our Lady’s Church	Special Intention
May 30 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	William & Joseph Flanagan
May 31 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Jonathan B. Davis
<b>Saturday, June 1</b>	<b>Vigil · Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Pietro Noto
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Richard Devlin
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	<b>Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	George Medeiros
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Salvatore Nicastro, Jr.
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Alphonse Russo, III
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Alex & Tina Borge

**OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS**

**Sanctuary Candles & Gifts**

**REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES  
& SUPPORTING OUR HOME PARISHES**

At each of our churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary candles and sanctuary gifts (hosts and wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a friend or loved one. The requested donation for both sanctuary gifts and candles is now \$25 per week. For the week of Sunday, May 26th donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Giuseppe & Lucia Groppo  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Kaminsky Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Our Fallen Heroes  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Helen & John Davis  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Andrew M. Murphy  
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For the Intentions of the Assisi Project  
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

The Chapel of the Archangels, dedicated to Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, is located on the ground floor of the rectory. You can see the sanctuary candle from the street. In addition to their better-known patronages, Michael is also venerated as a patron of the sick and suffering; Raphael is a patron of medical professionals; and Gabriel is a patron of priests. We all need their prayers and protection like never before!

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle, sanctuary gifts, or sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one in any of our churches or chapels in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Melissa Joseph at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! Peace & blessings to all!

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