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United in Prayer for Peace, Truth & Justice in Our World
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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

AN APPEAL FOR PEACE

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A Just War?

CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES OF JUST WAR THEORY

Just War Theory, often called just war tradition or just war doctrine, is a “set of principles developed through the centuries by the Catholic Church that clearly outlines when a nation may ethically participate in a war...and sets clear limits on armed force once a war is engaged (*Pennock, Catholic Social Teaching, 185*).” Based on the writings of Saint Augustine (354-430) and Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), the Church has set forth the following criteria for [entering into] a “just war.”

JUST CAUSE

There must be a real, lasting, and certain damage inflicted by an aggressor on a nation or community of nations.

LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY

The right to declare war belongs to the people who legitimately represent the people of a certain nation.

COMPARATIVE JUSTICE

The rights and values involved in the conflict must be important enough to justify killing.

RIGHT INTENTION

The war must be waged with a commitment to post-war reconciliation and peace, not personal gain.

PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS

The odds of success should be compared to the likely cost of human life.

PROPORTIONALITY

The damage and costs of the war should be proportionate to the good expected.

LAST RESORT

All peaceful efforts have been tried and exhausted before entering a war.

Pastor’s Note: The Catechism of the Catholic Church continues to maintain its teachings on the so-called “just war doctrine.” We should remember, however, that every pope of the twenty-first century (from John Paul II through Leo XIV) has declared that all wars are a profound defeat for humanity. And so, as a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, we raise our hearts to heaven with pleas for peace, truth, and justice in our suffering world! – Father Jim

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BY POPE FRANCIS

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother,
during this time of trial, we turn to you.

As our Mother, you love us and know us:
No concern of our hearts is hidden from you.
Mother of Mercy, how often have we experienced
your watchful care and your peaceful presence!
You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace!

Yet, we have strayed from the path of peace.
We have forgotten the lessons learned from the tragedies of the last century,
the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars.
We have degraded the commitments we made as a community of nations.
We have betrayed the people's dreams of peace and the hopes of the young.

We grew sick with greed,
we thought only of our own nations and their interests,
we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns.
We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions,
to grow arrogant and aggressive,
to suppress innocent lives and stockpile weapons.
We stopped being our neighbor's keepers and stewards of our common home.
We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war.
By our sins, we have broken the heart of our Heavenly Father,
who desires us to be brothers and sisters.
We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves.
Now with shame, we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.
Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.
Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.
Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.
Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge and teach us forgiveness.
Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.
Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and love.
Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.
Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

In your womb, Jesus took flesh.
Help us to foster the growth of communion.
You once walked the streets of this world.
Lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

*From An Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (2022).
The complete English translation can be found on our website: ccgronline.com.*

CALL TO PRAYER



A Rosary for Peace

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER!

In January 2003, just a few weeks before the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, an ailing Pope John Paul II (1920-2005) met with international diplomats in Rome. The Holy Father did not mince words about the looming prospect of hostilities between nations. In a frail voice, he cried out: "No to war! War is not always inevitable, but it is always a defeat for humanity!"

At the same time, the pope and saint reminded his audience that peace is always within reach. He said: "It is possible to change the course of events, once goodwill, trust in others, fidelity to commitments, and cooperation between responsible partners are allowed to prevail."

In this spirit and in spiritual communion with those who long for peace around the world, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Brother Patrick in offering *A Rosary for Peace Featuring Prayers by Pope Francis* at the following days and times:

A ROSARY FOR PEACE

Thursday, March 19th at 5:30pm
 With Eucharistic Adoration
 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

A ROSARY FOR PEACE

Saturday, March 28th at 2:30pm
 With Eucharistic Adoration
 Saint Ann Church

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM SAINT JOHN PAUL II

To refuse peace means not only to provoke
 the losses and sufferings that war,
 even a limited one, implies.
 It could also involve
 the total destruction of entire regions,
 not to mention the threat of possible catastrophes...
 of even universal proportions

Vatican City - June 7, 1982

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

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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:

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 74 Pleasant Street
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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

**OUR CLOTHES CLOSET
 OPEN SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH SATURDAYS**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet is 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 Clothes Closet by entering through the Pleasant Street doors of Saint Ann Church Hall.

Donations of gently worn clothing and shoes are 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. As always, thank you for your generous support

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 28TH & MARCH 1ST

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,338
Electronic	\$1,432
Total	\$6,770

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$3,703
Electronic	\$827
Total	\$4,530

Winter Grand Annual Collections

Holy Family	\$32,667 (93%)
Our Lady's	\$23,900 (160%)

Thank you for your generous support
for Holy Family Parish
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Solennita di San Giuseppe Celebrazione della Messa in Italiano

GIOVEDI 19 MARZO ALLE 8:00

For more than one thousand years, the Catholic Church has venerated Saint Joseph as patron of fathers, protector of families, and guardian of single mothers. He is also venerated as patron of carpenters, immigrants, laborers, those who doubt their faith, and those suffering from sickness. Last but not least, Saint Joseph is honored as patron and defender of the Universal Church.

This year, the Church commemorates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Thursday, March 19th. Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, our devotion to Saint Joseph remains strong and vibrant.

In this spirit and as a way of celebrating the contributions of immigrants in our parishes and beyond, all are invited to join Father Jim for the Holy Rosary at 7:30am and Holy Mass in Italian (with a homily in English) at 8:00am on Thursday, March 19th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Please join us! All are welcome!

**SAN GIUSEPPE, PREGA PER NOI!
SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!**

CALL TO PRAYER



The Way of the Cross

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 12:00PM

For more than five hundred years, the Way of the Cross has been among the most beloved and moving devotions in the Catholic Church. By uniting our humble prayers with the Poor Christ in both words and images, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with the Lord as he experiences the Passion of the Holy Cross.

During Lent, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us in praying the Way of the Cross on Friday afternoons through April 3rd at 12:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

The Litany of the Sacred Wounds

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 3:00PM

Pope Francis (1936-2025) spoke often about his devotion to the Five Wounds of the Poor Christ. The Holy Father once shared the advice of a spiritual director who said: "Look at the wounds. Enter into the wounds. By these wounds, we are healed. Do you feel bitter? Do you feel sad? Do you feel that life is not going the right way? Look there, into the wounds, in silence."

In this spirit, all are invited to join us on March 13th at 3:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for a Holy Hour that includes Eucharistic Adoration, Saint Clare of Assisi's Litany of the Sacred Wounds, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (for those who feel called to confession) For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. All are welcome!

MIDWEEK MERCIES

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & DEVOTION

Mass, Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

March 7 – March 15

Saturday, March 7	Vigil · Third Sunday of Lent
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Maria Noto
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Carlos Goulart
Sunday, March 8	Third Sunday of Lent
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Sydney Marie Ryan
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Arlene A. Coyle
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Kathleen Scola
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alex & Tina Borge
	Season of Lent
March 11 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Sr. Immaculata McDonnell
March 12 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Anthony "Tony" Pallazola
March 13 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Sister Mary Souza
Saturday, March 14	Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The Joseph Family
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Mary Voller
Sunday, March 15	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Claire Allen
8:15am Saint Ann Church	David Halverson
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Angela Taormina
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Vera Silveira

OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES & SUPPORTING OUR 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, March 8th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Terri Sanfilippo
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Regina Kane
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Peter Russo
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Our Fallen Heroes
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

In Memory of the Children of Sacred Tree School
Pope Francis Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

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!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE LEO XIV

Stability and peace are not achieved through mutual threats, nor with weapons that sow destruction, suffering, and death, but only through sincere, reasonable, and responsible dialogue.

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