



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them ~Mk 6:4-5

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, July 12, 2009
Am 7:12-15/ Eph 1:3-14/ Mk 6:7-13

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY, JULY 4**
5:00 PM Ray Benoit
- SUNDAY, JULY 5**
8:00 AM Kevin Beattie
- TUESDAY, JULY 7**
9:00 AM Todd Carey
- SATURDAY, JULY 11**
5:00 PM Liam O'Connor

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford from 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM NEXT Saturday, July 11.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The need for food, clothing and shelter continues for many families and individuals. Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul boxes in the vestibule of the church or use the envelopes in the pews. Your generosity will help many local people. Thank you to all our supporters.

MOVING?

Please be sure to notify the Parish office (435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.

HOMEBOUND VISITATIONS

Please notify the parish (435-3313) if you know of someone who is unable to come to Mass due to poor health or advanced age. We can arrange for a regular home visit and/or an opportunity for reception of the sacraments. Also, please note that we do make periodic visits to several nursing homes in the area. If you have a family member who might appreciate an occasional visit, do let us know. Thank you.

Parish Support

OFFERTORY 6/28/2009 see bulletin next week
2nd Collection NEXT week – Black & Native American Missions
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic tradition or how to become a Catholic? Perhaps you have been searching quietly for a while and now need some answers.

You do not have to journey alone! St. John's offers an open and welcoming environment for you to explore all your questions. Please call Marie Buckley (435-3313x206) or Fr. Paul Clifford (435-3313x201) and ask for information about RCIA. We look forward to hearing from you.



Father, hold our troops in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Be with them and comfort them with your loving presence while they are away from home. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and grant us all peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your son, with faith that you hear and answer our prayers. Amen.



CATHOLICTV IN BOSTON

Catholic Website Safe for Kids: If you are looking for a website you can view with your kids, www.CatholicTV.com offers Catholic shows online at zero cost.

A Talk Show Perfect for Catholics: If you are looking for entertainment for the whole family, check out the CatholicTV talk show "This Is the Day". This talk show has featured Catholic celebrities such as Mike Lowell and Johnny Pesky.

AUCTION TO BENEFIT BETHANY HOUSE

Bethany House Ministries will hold an auction at St. Thomas Parish Hall in Millis on September 26. We are **looking for donations** of an eclectic ensemble of treasures such as jewelry, antiques, vintage books, furniture, china, kitchenware, household items, tools, collectables, and bric-a-brac. All proceeds from the auction will help to support Bethany House Ministries, our non-profit charitable organization. The event promises not only to be a fun and friendly experience but also an investment in the future of someone in need. If you can help us, please contact either Sr. Kathleen or Ruth at 508-376-9923 or e-mail bethanyosfop@aol.com. All donations can be dropped off at our Bethany House Hope Chest at 1134 Main St. in Millis. Pick-ups can be arranged by calling Gary or Vy (508-376-0824).



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.

St. Bridget School in Framingham is seeking teachers for Grades 2 and 4 as well as a part-time (2 days per week) technology teacher. Classroom teachers must hold MA certification.

If qualified and interested please send a resume to:

Mrs. Roseanne Mungovan
St. Bridget School
832 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 01702.
Phone (508-875-5959)
Fax (508 875- 9552)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Economy Affects Marriages! – It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **July 17-19, September 25-27 and October 23-25**. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.



PLEASE CONSIDER TEACHING

Agreeing to teach kids about the faith is a daunting prospect, but here are 2 reasons you might want to consider it.

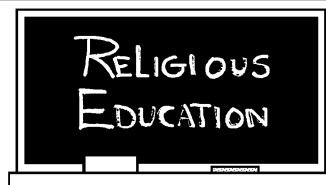
The best way to learn is to teach

We all are called to continue to grow in our own faith and the best way to learn is to teach. When you instruct others, your own understanding increases. If your own faith education ended years ago, the resources and materials you are exposed to as a catechist will surely refresh and expand your own knowledge.

Catechists tell the truth

In today's chaotic world, people are searching for what is real and what isn't. Catechists are like the little boy who told the emperor he wasn't wearing any clothes. Catechists speak the truth about God, faith and morals. The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness; as a catechist, you offer a hungry world that sustenance.

*from "Top 10 Reasons Why You Should be a Catechist"
by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker*



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

BEGINNING JUNE 29

OPEN TUESDAY

9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Please leave messages (508-435-3313x208)

when the office is closed.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



CROCODILE DOCK VBS - AUGUST 10-13

THE CROC DOCK IS NOW FULL!

We still need Assistants.

Students in grades 7-12 may apply to be assistants.

ATTENTION PARENTS!!

Religious Ed. Grade Schedule for 2009-2010

In an effort to bring more consistency to the learning process, and to accommodate families, students have two weekday choices for attending class and possibly a Sunday choice (depending on catechist availability). Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2 will have only one weekday choice.

- Kindergarten** Mondays (9:30-10:30AM)
(for half the school year)
- Grade 1** 2 Wednesdays per month (4:15-5PM)
(usually the last two)
- Grade 2** 1 Sunday (9-9:50AM) and
1 Wednesday (4:15-5:10PM) per month
- Grade 3** Tuesdays **or** Thursdays (4:15-5:10PM) weekly
- Grade 4** Mondays **or** Thursdays (4:15-5:10PM) weekly
- Grade 5** Mondays **or** Tuesdays (4:15-5:10PM) weekly
- Grade 6** Mondays (2:15-3:15PM) **or**
Wednesdays (5:30-6:30PM) weekly

Grades 7 – 10

- Grade 7** Sunday (5:15-6:15PM) 5 meetings Oct. – Jan.
Tuesday (6:45-7:45PM) weekly Jan. – Apr.
- Grade 8** Tuesday (6:45-7:45PM) weekly Oct. – Jan.
Sunday (5:15-6:15PM) 5 meetings Jan. – Apr.
- Grade 9** Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month
- Grade 10** Sunday (5:30-7:30PM) once a month



JULY 5, 2009

**This week we find Jesus
powerless to work miracles**

He came to his hometown Nazareth, the Gospel says, and “he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.”

Why not?

It is an intriguing question, because most of us think of miracles as based on power, as acts done by a mighty person. Jesus, God in human form, must have been all-powerful, just as God is. What was stopping him?

Let us take a different look at miracles. Instead of Jesus being a solo act, an individual who does a whole lot of terrific things, try seeing him as the enfleshment of God. This will shift the question and make us look at what God is.

The most agreed upon answer is that God is love. God has loved human beings since he first created them.

Alright, you say, if he loves the blind and the lame and the homeless, why couldn't he use that Godly love in Nazareth? What took away his powers?

Now we are getting to the heart of the question. Think of a love relationship. Doesn't love have to be two-way? I know that we must often go without the return of love from people we care for, but that is not the ideal. For a relationship to be real, I must love and I must be loved in return.

All through the Old and New Testaments God was thirsting for a shared union with human beings. “I will be your God, and you will be my people and love me in return.” Please!

Now we can see what took away Jesus' miracles. The people in his hometown would not accept him. These people already had him in a category – carpenter, son of that working couple Joseph and Mary, the guy who used to live down the street. Who does he think he is preaching all this new stuff? Look who is trying to put on airs. We know who he really is.

They were pre-sealed against him.

But Jesus was not a circus performer or a magician. He did not work miracles in order to be noticed or to show off. In fact he took great pains to avoid being noticed.

This is why he said so often to the people he healed, “Your faith has saved you”. Jesus' miracles were an outcropping of the living, loving bonding we are invited to have with him. Faith is our acceptance of that bonding and without it God's loving power cannot reach us.

Think it over. Do you and I ever listen to the offer of love from Christ and then harden our hearts to it? We can be quite crusty, you and I, and maybe we need to soften up a bit.

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