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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:15am
Saint Alexander

Saturday Vigil at 4pm
(Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)
Saint Mary of the Bay

Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm
Saint Mary of the Bay

Monday-Friday 8am
Saint Mary of the Bay

Holy Days as Announced



TRUSTEES & AUDITORS

Nancy Urban, Trustee
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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to **Jack David** who was baptized at last week's 9:15am Mass! Please keep him and his family in your prayers. May he walk always as a child of the light! I pray that it was only the first of many more such celebrations!

Many thanks to all those who came out this past Tuesday for our **open parish meeting**. I'm grateful not only to all those who made the commitment to attend, but also to those who worked so hard to setup, prepare food and refreshments, and to break everything down at the end of the night. Many thanks to all!

As we continue to move forward in discernment and discussion regarding the future, I appreciate your **patience** with the process and your **openness** to consider realistic possibilities. I am confident that together, we will find an agreeable path forward.

In our gospel reading today, Jesus challenges his disciples to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. With great urgency, we need to hear again the challenge of the Lord to be his active presence in the world. Long gone are the days when we can consider the purpose of the Church as merely providing a religious "product" or "service" to a limited clientele! Nor can we think anymore of the Church as being a religious club of like-minded individuals, concerned with guarding our self-referential preferences or traditions! This is not the Church founded by Christ, which is always outward-looking, eager to bring the love and mercy of Christ to the world.


If we are to see our Christian communities grow—which I know is what we all desire—we need to commit ourselves as never before to **seeking out** the lost, to **welcoming** the stranger and the disaffected, to **sacrificing** our comfortability for the opportunity to invite someone to consider anew encountering Christ in a community of believers. Will you please join me in that **exciting mission**?

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

YOU'RE INVITED

Traditional Eucharistic Holy Hour




Saint Alexander Church
221 Main Street, Warren, RI
2nd Wednesday of the Month
7pm in the Main Church

THEOLOGY UNCORKED

A wine & cheese reception with theological talk and discussion


FEBRUARY 14, 6:30PM

Laudato Si and Integral Ecology:
Faith and the Care of our Common Home




Guest Speaker:
Angela Howard McParland
Justice Resource Manager,
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

SAINTE MARY OF THE BAY
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LIGHT



"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14A

∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

February 5, 2023

9:15am: Daniel A. Vargas,
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by his daughter, Nancy

February 12, 2023

9:15am: Robert & Adalina Foley
Requested by the family

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

From today's First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

Consider: **The prophet Isaiah spoke of God's desire for us to not only feed the hungry and take care of the afflicted but also to rid ourselves of malicious and accusatory speech. Which of these directives might you be able to do this week?**

From today's Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

Consider: **Paul teaches the Corinthians to place their faith in the power of God more so than in human wisdom. What could be some good ways to make sure this becomes a regular spiritual exercise?**

From today's Gospel:

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket." (Mt 5:14-15)

Consider: **Jesus calls his followers to be salt of the earth and light of the world. In other words, Jesus is calling his followers to have a positive influence on the world. In what ways can believers today do good in the world?**

We're Back!

St. Alexander's

Sauce-y Pasta Supper

Fund Raiser

Saturday, April 15

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Chefs: our very own Lisa and Tony Demers

Committee

Pat Dugan

Anthony Urban

Jayne Balasco

Susan and Mark Daniels

Lisa and Tony Demers

Lisa and Doug Duchene

Maureen Dugan

Mary Johns

Sue and Bill Pattie

Allie Threadgill

Mark your calendars for an evening of
friends and great food!

We will be contacting you for your possible help on our
many subcommittees.

Questions: Contact Pat Dugan

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