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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 30, 2022**



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth. Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### **WELCOME!**

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**

Saturday 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553 ) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:**

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### **VISITATION TO THE SICK:**

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JANUARY 29 — 30, 2022**

Ushers Group III

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for Viola Sobol who is celebrating her Birthday — requested by Catherine Depathy  
**"Happy Birthday"**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Mae Mancino requested by Lynn Mancino

**9:00 A.M.** FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of †Richard and †Carolyn FitzHenry requested by Jonathan and Sharon VanDine  
**BAPTISM OF TANNER ADAMS**

**5:30 P.M.** Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

**6:00 P.M.** Rosary

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31 — No Mass****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — No Mass**

**7:15 P.M.** Choir rehearsal in church.  
 New voices are always welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
 Rosary after Mass

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
 Rosary after Mass

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**7:00 P.M.** First Friday Mass and Adoration offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
 Rosary after Mass

Eucharistic



Adoration

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Janet Minicucci requested by Donna Bradford

**Livestream Masses:**

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>:

Monday 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM /  
 Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM /  
 Sunday 10 AM

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Youth who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to serve. If you are interested to serve as an Altar Server please call  
 Shirley Holbrook (860) 742-1829

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: John, Jan, Chris, Theresa, Linda Elsa, Tom, Amelia, Peter, Merely, Greg  
 Candle Intentions: Beth, Nick, Noah, Joshua, Faydra, Tim, John, Bill, Caroline, Lori, Tegan, Christy.

Thank you, Mary Ann

**ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

**East Catholic High School****Happy New Year from East Catholic!**

We are opening a new chapter in our admissions process. Students who have been accepted and paid the deposit will soon be invited to schedule classes for next year! We are still accepting new applicants and offering the entrance exam in person. WeAreEC#

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: January 23 — \$2,699**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,330**

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..."* (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

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**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send offertory envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_\_

We can help out as: Altar server \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts workshop \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday  
Eucharistic Adoration**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my  
God, my God, I love You in the Most  
Blessed Sacrament.”**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

## Delicious Pancake Breakfast



**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE**



**Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.**

**Date: Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: St. Maurice Parish Center**

**\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family**

**Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus**

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

### Saint of the Week St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by



wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

### Are you grieving from an Abortion?

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: “*The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord.*” (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99).

Call Project Rachel, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: 860-861-4439.

### NEW DATE for the 4th Annual Young Adult Mass with

**Bishop Cote** — Due to COVID, our Young Adult Mass is POSTPONED on Sunday, January 30th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs. **The new date is Sunday, February 27th at 7pm when St. Thomas will host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass.** All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm. We look forward to you joining us!

### Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich



Can you help us help new parents who are struggling? Requests for our services continue to be overwhelming and we are quickly running out of resources for our Pregnancy/Parenting program. We are in need of diapers especially sizes 5 & 6, wipes, baby bottles, and baby toiletries. If you are in a position to help, you can drop off your donation at our locations in Norwich, New London, and Willimantic, or call 860-889-8346 for more information.

**Thank you for your prayers and support. Our clients thank you as well!; “I thank God for you all” –D. M.**



**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass**  
will take place at the  
Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on  
**Saturday, Feb. 5 at 8:30 A.M.**

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



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