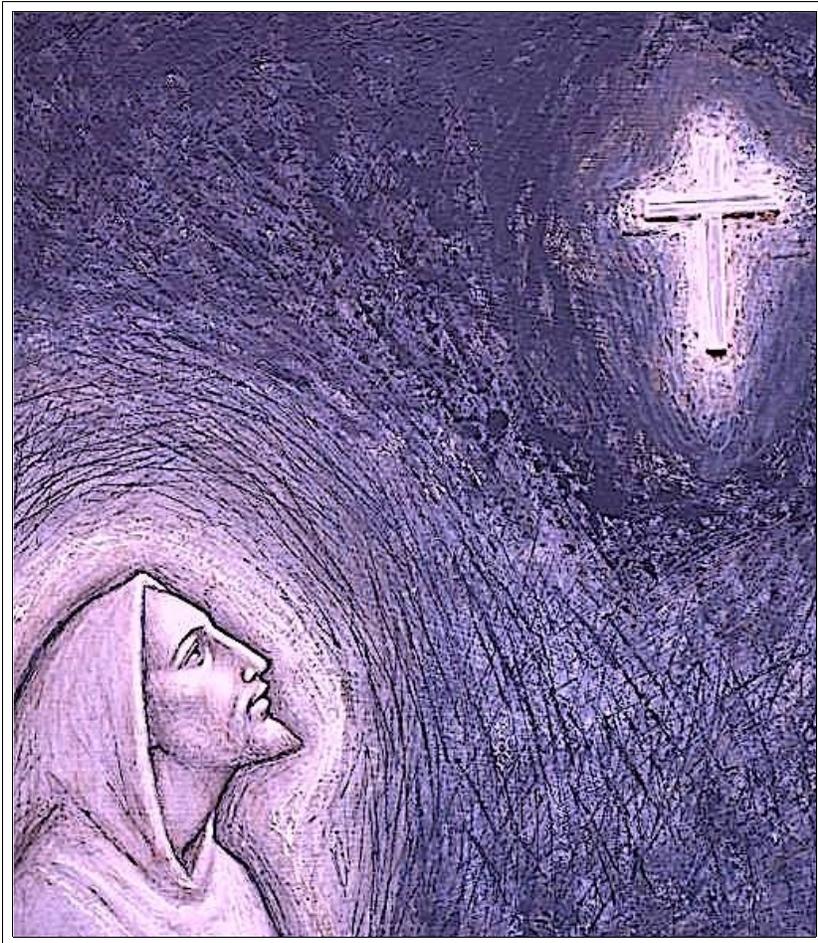


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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**Our Mission: Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.**  
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## **LITTLE DETAILS OF LOVE**

HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH  
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## HOLY SEASON OF LENT

### The Stations of the Cross

A TRADITIONAL LENTEN DEVOTION  
FRIDAYS AT 3:00PM - SAINT ANN CHURCH

For more than five hundred years, the Stations of the Cross are one of the most enduring and moving traditional devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with those of the suffering Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with our Lord as he experiences the Passion of the Cross. During Lent, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in praying the Stations of the Cross on six consecutive Friday afternoons (March 8th through April 12th) at 3:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please spread the word! Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

### The Light Is On For You!

CONFESSIONS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00PM - OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH

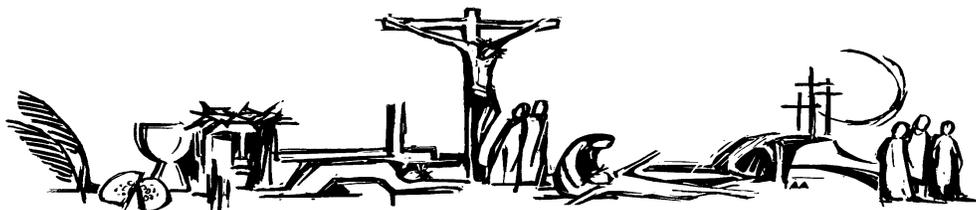
During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession). On five consecutive Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 13th through April 10th), all are invited to join us for "The Light Is On For You!" from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. These special evenings of prayer will include Evening Prayer and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and two full hours of confessions for those who feel called to participate. For some, this may be a time for confession and sacramental reconciliation. For some, it may be a time for silent prayer and adoration. And for others, it may be a time to begin or renew a spiritual journey. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please spread the word! Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

### Lenten Wisdom from Pope Francis

*What is the life of Christ in us if not a victory of love  
over our fears and selfishness?*

*This victory allows our lives to be daily and simple gifts  
to the Lord and to our brothers and sisters.*

*The community which preserves **the little details of love**,  
where the members care for each other and create an open and welcoming space,  
is the place of presence of the Risen One  
who makes us holy according to God's plan.*



## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Little Details of Love

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Some popes are remembered for their charismatic personalities. Some are remembered for their deep spirituality. Some are remembered for their magisterial teaching. And some are remembered for their sins. At some point, I like to think that Pope Francis will be remembered best for his daily homilies, little talks, and short writings that offer us so much food for thought and prayer. These brief snippets and words of wisdom challenge us, comfort us, and guide us on life's long journey of discipleship.

This week, for example, the Vatican issued the text of an introduction that Pope Francis wrote for a forthcoming book about Saint John Chrysostom (349-407), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, who was one of the most prolific writers in the Early Christian Church. In fact, the Holy Father's introduction has very little to do with Saint John Chrysostom! But it has everything to do with living the Christian life with joy, sobriety, and love. It is indeed a fitting message with which to begin this Holy Season of Lent!

First, Pope Francis invites us to find joy in the fact that God loves us "in an unconditional and gratuitous way." This means that God loves each and every one of us no matter who we are, no matter what we have done, and no matter where we are from. This divine love is absolute, limitless, and wholehearted. This love is pure, complete, and asks us only to love God in return and love others in the best way we can. This love is showered upon us and the whole world unreservedly, like summer rains feeding a thirsty garden. And in this love, we can find our greatest and most lasting joy!

Second, Pope Francis calls us to sobriety. By this, he does not just mean sobriety from drink or drugs. He means moderation in our ambitions, desires, and passions. He means avoiding excess and extremes in our emotions. He means calm discernment of our thoughts, words, and deeds; thinking before acting; restraining our tempers; and making the best of our lives as they exist. The Holy Father writes: "The joy of God's love poured into the heart by the Holy Spirit is preserved through sobriety, which is the ability to surrender the desire for pleasure and personal satisfaction to the measure of righteousness." Through this kind of sobriety, we learn the joy of submitting our own good to the common good.

Finally, Pope Francis begs us to love; to love like Christ. He writes: "What is the life of Christ in us if not a victory of love over our fears and selfishness? This victory allows our lives to be daily and simple gifts to the Lord and to our brothers and sisters." The pope tells us that if we find joy in God's love and limit our selfish self-love, then we are increasingly free to share real love with others through random acts of kindness. In this way, Lent is not just about giving something up, it is about truly giving ourselves to God and to our families, friends, and fellow parishioners.

This Lent, by all means, fast from candy or coffee or binge watching your favorite series. At the same time, make an effort to take care of what Pope Francis calls "the little details of love" because it is in those little details — those small acts of forgiveness, generosity, love, and mercy — that we can create and find and make more room for Jesus in our broken lives, in our struggling communities, in our divided country, and in our suffering world. This Lent, the divine is in the details! May the Lord give you peace!

## SAINT PATRICK OF IRELAND



### SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

Saint Patrick lived during the second half of the fifth century. He was a convert, then a missionary monk, and ultimately the first bishop of Ireland. Saint Patrick is venerated in the Anglican Communion, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Roman Catholic Church. He is also venerated as patron saint of Puerto Rico, Spain, and the Archdioceses of Boston, Newark, and New York; and as protector against snakebites and sinfulness. His feast day is celebrated as a solemnity in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Tradition teaches us that the following prayer was written by Saint Patrick as part of his "Breastplate" or "Lorica." The complete prayer, which is much longer, was invoked during times of trial as protection against adversaries of God's Church who sought to prevent the conversion of the Irish people. In this spirit, let us raise our hearts and voices to the heavens and pray together:

#### A PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK

I bind myself this day  
to the power of heaven,  
the light of the sun,  
the brightness of the moon,  
the splendor of fire,  
the speed of lightning,  
the swiftness of wind,  
the depth of the sea,  
the stability of earth,  
and the firmness of rock.

I arise this day  
to give witness  
to the mighty strength  
of God's power to guide me.  
Amen.

As the Solemnity of Saint Patrick approaches and our Lenten journey continues, let us pray together for God's guidance, God's protection, and God's strength. Let us pray together for the grace to keep our thoughts, words, and deeds focused on Christ. And let us pray for each other: that the Lord will unite all peoples in prayer, fellowship, and service so that each of us, in our own way, may more fully live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild our Church. Saint Patrick, pray for us!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S PENNY SALE Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, we'll have great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious homemade sweetbread, and other fresh foods and snacks. Donations are being accepted at our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). Julia Garcia and Mary Piscitello will serve as co-chairwomen of this event. For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at [jcbf33@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbf33@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. If you can spare twenty-four hours this year to volunteer, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information about the Knights of Columbus and its good work in our parishes, please visit [kofc215.com](http://kofc215.com); or contact Mark Natti at [grand-knight@kofc214.com](mailto:grand-knight@kofc214.com); or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Saint Patrick & Saint Joseph Bread Sale Saturday, March 16th

All Irish and Italian eyes will be smiling on Saturday, March 16th at our 4:00pm Vigil Mass in Saint Ann Church because the Holy Family Women's Guild will be baking delicious Irish and Italian Breads just for you and your family! These special loaves will be available for purchase before and after Mass in the church vestibule.

Special orders for these homemade breads will be accepted by calling Jane Marshall in advance at 978-283-5111. All proceeds will go directly to Holy Family Parish! For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at [bertolino4@msn.com](mailto:bertolino4@msn.com) or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Thank you in advance for your generous support!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesday Afternoons at 4:00pm

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our sick, aged, disabled, and homebound fellow parishioners. They visit these friends and neighbors in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship and conversation, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten.

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual directors. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parish communities, please contact Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry needs these items:

Assorted Canned Soups  
Beef Stew · Chef Boyardee  
Canned Tuna · Chicken & Tuna Helper  
Chips, Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Pasta & Sauce · Ramen Noodles · Rice-a-Roni  
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com. If you or your family needs our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

## SAINT OSCAR ROMERO



### HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH AN EVENING with SAINT OSCAR ROMERO FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND - BEGINS AT 5:00PM

More than eight centuries ago, the Crucified Christ called out to the young man who would become Saint Francis of Assisi: "Go! Rebuild my church which as you can see is falling into ruin!" Francis took the Lord's command literally and set out to repair and rebuild small chapels in and around his hometown. Over the years, however, Francis came to understand that his commitment to living the Gospel and sharing God's love were vital parts of rebuilding the Church throughout the world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will gather on important feast days throughout the year to pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded Church. In addition, we will also beg the saints to pray for us and guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

All are invited to join us for our next Evening of Prayer for the Healing of God's Family on Friday, March 22nd in anticipation of the Feast of Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr. This special evening of prayer will begin at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 6:30pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary for the healing of God's family. And at 7:00pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a reflection on the life and legacy of Saint Oscar Romero (1917-1980), who was assassinated while celebrating Holy Mass and is remembered as an ardent defender of the Church, a true friend of the poor, and an outspoken opponent of hatred, injustice, and violence. Saint Oscar Romero is venerated as a patron of the Americas, El Salvador, Christian communications, the poor, and the victims of persecution. He has much to teach us about living the Gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding our Church!

We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special evening of prayer, reflection, and devotion. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgtronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 9 – MARCH 17, 2019

<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	<b>Vigil · First Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	William & Eunice Smith
6:00pm · OLGV	Robert L. Hanson
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Father Eugene Alves
8:15am · Saint Ann	Lois V. Arnold
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jim Contri & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Jeremias & Maria José Matos
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family
	<b>First Week of Lent</b>
Monday, March 11 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, March 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, March 13 8:00am · OLGV	Gaetano & Ninfa Trupiano
Thursday, March 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Nico LoGrasso
Friday, March 15 8:00am · OLGV	Georgia Forrest
Saturday, March 16 8:00am · OLGV	Father Eugene Alves
<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	<b>Vigil · Second Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Nicastro Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Luca Di Bella
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Catherine & Abby Kabala
8:15am · Saint Ann	Frank Kelly
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William & Rose Morrison and Sons
11:45am · OLGV	Carolyn O’Connor
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family

## OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
Weekend of March 2nd & March 3rd

Weekly Offerings	\$4,817.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$5,695.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (44% of Goal)	\$33,651.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
Weekend of March 2nd & March 3rd

Weekly Offerings	\$1,933.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,013.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (28% of Goal)	\$12,682.00

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

## SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary candles, and altar gifts (hosts & wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one. The requested donation for flowers is \$250. The requested donation for altar gifts is \$175. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Aaron Hart  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Joseph & Pauline Nicastro  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Donny Nicastro  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Father Eugene Alves  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

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