



AUGUSTINIAN FRIARS

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Luis A Vera, O.S.A.
Pastor

Pastor@stnicholasoftolentinebronx.org

Fr. Joseph Tran- *Associate*

Fr. Carlos Urbina, O.S.A.
In Residence

Fr. Joseph Murray, O.S.A.
In Residence

Fr. William Wallace, O.S.A.
In Residence

Br. Bienvenido Rodriguez, O.S.A.
In Residence

CATHOLIC FAITH
FORMATION
Jesus DeLaRosa

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Mr. Daniel Kirk-Foster
Mr. Dang Vu

ACCOUNTING
Ms. Shelly Parkin

PLANT MANAGER
Mr. Jesus Liriano
917-579-6720

RECEPTIONIST
Ms. Lucy Maldonado

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CHURCH

2345 UNIVERSITY AVENUE BRONX, NY 10468

TEL. (718) 295-6800 www.stnicholasoftolentinebronx.org FAX (718) 367-7411

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

3:30 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Weekdays	8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)
	7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

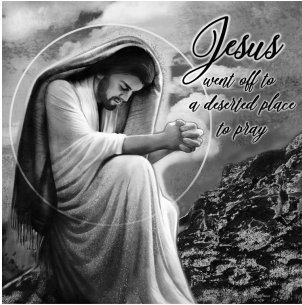
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GOOD NEWS



Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Our readings today summon the Church to embrace its calling, to join in God's healing of the world. As we hear of Job's anguish, in which all hope and purpose have disappeared, we are reminded of the depth of suffering in the world around us, and perhaps also within our own hearts. We hear of Jesus bringing healing and hope to Simon's mother-in-law and to the community around Capernaum. And we hear of Paul's commitment to "become all things to all", that is, to walk alongside all kinds of people, offering good news of the love of God. We need to be a people who do not hide from broken hearts, including our own. We are to share in the suffering of our world, but also to live as those who can tell the world of a God who brings hope. At our best, we the Church embody God's great desire to heal the brokenhearted.

A TIME TO LAMENT

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

Please visit our website for all the latest information and special Prayer Services, at: stnicholasoftolentinebronx.org and join us on Facebook, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish

What do You Want?

Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. The gospel has one unusual sentence about those demons: Jesus did not let them speak "because they knew who he was." (Mk 1:34) Apparently, the demons would have identified him as the Son of God. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power.

Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ's resurrection (and ours), he needs no other recompense. (1 Cor 9:18) All he wants is to share eternal life. He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or at least a few hundred Facebook friends? Or are you like Job in the first reading: having no hope of escaping a life of drudgery? He eventually found that only by trusting God can anyone be happy, even when things go wrong.

We can follow Paul's example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul's love was not to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. He knew the gospel requires a change of heart, so his love for others helped them to be more open to change. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

Confessions are by appointment only. Please call 718-295-6800 for an appointment time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Monday
 8:30am Lourdes Espinal (D)
Tuesday
 8:30am Maria Josefa Parache & Manuel DeJesus Hernandez (D)
Wednesday
 8:30am Ricardo Gonzalez (D)
Thursday
 8:30am Giuse Hau & Ana Mung (D); Vicente Rizo (D)
Friday
 8:30am
Saturday
 7:45am Cáu LH Mô Coi
 7:00pm San Judas Tadeo, Antonia Galbaci (D), Virgen Maria; Acción de gracias a la Santisima Trinidad
Sunday
 8:00am People of SNT
 9:30am San Judas Tadeo, Virgen Maria, las benditas almas; Frubel Ortega, Ronaldo Garcia, Siria Flores
 11:30am Altagracia Roman Rodriguez (D)
 1:30pm Giuse Hue & Ana Lao (D)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

JANUARY 24, 2021

Tithing: \$4,913.65
 Children: \$0.00
 Total: \$4,913.65

Helping Seniors Stay Healthy and Independent



SBH offers programs to deal with many problems associated with aging, including:

- Memory loss
- Falls, balance disorders or dizziness
- Urinary incontinence
- Depression
- Vision, hearing and dental problems
- Medication management

SBH
Health System
BRONX
www.SBHNY.org

To get started today, please call 718-960-3100.



catholicmatch®
New York



CatholicMatch.com/myNY

FOOD UNIVERSE
MARKETPLACE

Fresh Produce • Counter Meat
Dairy • Frozen • Groceries
at Great Prices! Weekly Sales
FREE Delivery (\$50 Min.)
on Store/Phone Orders
Hot Food (\$10 Min) FREE Delivery
60 W. 183rd St. (718) 367-5006
2358 University Ave.
(718) 295-2776
Catering All Occasions
10% Sr. Citizen Discount - Wed Only



534 East 180 St
(718) 295-6188
www.palacepaints.com

5% OFF for Parishioners



Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.

For further information, please call the Parish Office.



Sell, Buy or Rent:



Call me for a free Comparative Market Analysis of your home.
Hablamos español.
Jose Flores, Licensed Realtor®
Exit Realty Group
2000 Williamsbridge Rd. • Bronx, NY 10461
Cell: 917-353-8808
Fax: 718-409-3311
www.joseflores.exitrealtygroup.com

Advertising Sales

¿TIENES EXPERIENCIA EN VENTAS Y DISFRUTAS LLAMAR A LAS EMPRESAS LOCALES?
PODEMOS TENER UNA POSICIÓN IDEAL PARA USTED.
TIEMPO COMPLETO.
POTENCIAL DE INGRESOS DE \$45K A \$60K
CONVIÉRTASE EN VENDEDOR DE PUBLICIDAD PARA
J.S. PALUCH COMPANY,
EDITOR NACIONAL DE BOLETINES DE LA IGLESIA.

- Excelente Programa de Compensación de la Comisión
- Beneficios médicos, 401k, seguro de vida y discapacidad disponible



Si está interesado mande su curriculum por correo electrónico a boberr@jspaluch.com
www.jspaluch.com

EOE



1430 AM
1160 AM

America's Catholic Talk Radio Network



Your ad could be in this space!

JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE!

¡VENGA A NUESTRO EVENTO DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS!

December 19 | Diciembre 19
January 23 | Enero 23
February 25 | Febrero 25
March 24 | Marzo 24
5:30PM-6:30PM

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
(CST 2177990-70)

www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com



DO YOU HAVE SALES EXPERIENCE? ARE YOU WELL NETWORKED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

J.S. PALUCH COMPANY
NATIONAL PUBLISHER OF CHURCH BULLETINS

- Full Time Positions Available with Excellent Earning Potential!
- Medical Benefits, 401K, Life & AD&D Insurance Available
- Excellent Commission Compensation Program

Interested? Call Kay Leane 1.800.621.5197 x2823

or Email Resume to RECRUITING@JSPALUCH.COM

www.jspaluch.com

EARN MONEY!
DO GOOD! MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT!



BRILLA
Public Charter Schools

929-422-0128 • 347-996-9712

www.brillaschools.org
apply@brillaschools.org

Brilla Pax & Brilla Caritas
2331 University Ave, Bronx, NY 10468