



St. Mary's Parish

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

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Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

Reconciliation: Saturdays from Noon – 12:45 PM in the church or anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date.



Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Liturgical year, is a feast day that focuses on the authority of Christ. While the problems our world faces today differ from the particular events that inspired Pope Pius XI to establish this feast in the 1920s, his message and call to honor Christ the King in a society that denies the authority of Our Lord is no less pertinent now than it was then.

History of the Feast

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a newer feast in the Catholic Church; it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The pontiff was witness to a turbulent time in the world's history. Secularism was on the rise and dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe and beyond. Christ had long been referred to as King, but Pope Pius and the Christian faithful saw the respect and reverence for Christ's authority waning in the midst of the unrest during the first part of the 20th century. In response, the feast was set with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus. On the importance of the public world recognizing the kingly authority of Jesus, Pope Pius XI wrote:

"When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience.

Further, if princes and magistrates duly elected are filled with the persuasion that they rule, not by their own right, but by the mandate and in the place of the Divine King, they will exercise their authority piously and wisely, and they will make laws and administer them, having in view the common good and also the human dignity of their subjects. The result will be a stable peace and tranquility, for there will be no longer any cause of discontent."

Pope Pius XI was hoping for these effects to occur:

That nations would see that the Church has the right to religious freedom.

That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ.

That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

The feast was initially fixed to the final day of October, the day before All Saints Day. Later, in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the last Sunday before Advent, to emphasize the importance of the feast. This is fitting within the Church year. The liturgical year begins with Advent, the season of awaiting the coming of Christ, and now the year ends with celebrating the Kingship of Christ.

History of the Title "Christ the King"

While the feast is relatively new, the tradition of calling Christ "King" is not. Jesus is referred to as King throughout the New Testament: *To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen* – 1 Tim 1:17

Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" – John 1:49

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." – Mt. 27:11

And this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords – 1 Tim 6:15

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and wonderful are thy deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are thy ways, O King of the ages!" – Rev. 15:3

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood – Rev. 1:5

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, King of kings and Lord of lords. – Rev. 19:16

Clearly "King" was one of the earliest titles given to the Son of God. The title does not refer to a status of an earthly king, which many of the Jews had been expecting – someone to overthrow the Roman rule and be earthly king of the Israelites. Rather He came to be the spiritual king; His kingdom is in heaven, not confined to the earth alone. In respecting the name of Christ the King, and in celebrating the yearly feast, both citizens and leaders are to remain reverent and devoted to the higher authority of Christ.

2017 ST. MARY'S PARISH GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

"What return can I make to the Lord for all He has done for me?" Psalm 116



2017 Grand Annual goal to cover operating expenses:	\$150,000.00
Grand Annual parishioner support received to date:	- \$ 93,395.00
Parishioner support still needed to reach 2017 Grand Annual goal:	\$ 56,605.00
% of 2017 Grand Annual achieved to date:	62 %
% of St. Mary's families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:	41 %

As the Grand Annual continues, contributions may be placed either in the orange G.A. envelope you received in the mail, or in one of the extra G.A. envelopes available at the church entrances. G.A. envelopes may be placed in any Mass collection basket, or mailed or dropped off at the rectory.

As explained in the November mailing to all parishioners, the \$150,000 goal will be applied to cover a number of parish operating expenses, including but not limited to: Exterior Church Painting, Installation of a New Flat Rubber Roof over the long hallway between the Church and Parish Center buildings, Church and Classroom Heating Repairs, Replacement of One of the Two Primary HVAC Roof Compressors and Salaries for St. Mary's dedicated and hardworking staff.

Your generous support will assure the financial health of our parish continues.

Thank you for your support of this most important annual collection!

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mr. Matthew Chick, D.R.E., Grades 8-12
 Mr. Juan Mesa, Director of Music
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Kim Lisbon, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. James Koval, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by John & Joanne Dalton. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED NUNS

LAST WEEKEND: \$4,922.00. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 10,293.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,419.50
 Total Offertory: \$12,712.50

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	November 25
5:00	Alfonso Barcinas
7:30	Rose Roux, 1 st Anv.
Sunday	November 26
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Doris Toomey Lynch, 1 st Anv.
11:30	Pat McDonald
Monday	November 27
9:00	Daniel H. Murphy
Tuesday	November 28
9:00	Bill Tobin
Wednesday	November 29
9:00	Julianne Benfield
Thursday	November 30
9:00	Agrippina Bender, 15 th Anv.
Friday	December 1
9:00	Stephen Fogarty
Saturday	December 2
9:00	Holy Souls
5:00	Frank Simonetti, 13 th Anv.
7:30	Katrina Petery
Sunday	December 3
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Frank & Olga Proto
11:30	Pat McDonald

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER: Christ the King, detail from Elm St. transept window, St. Mary's Church, Holliston.

ADVENT 2017 - PREPARING FOR HIS COMING!



“FORGIVENESS” ~ A PRE-ADVENT MINI-RETREAT, TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Come prepare your hearts to experience the fullness of this joyful Advent season by spending one hour in prayer and reflection with our Lord Jesus lead by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. The Feast of Christ the King on November 26 precedes the First Sunday of Advent celebrated on December 3. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this Holy Hour. The Sisters will offer a book table of gifts. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Fr. Haley Hall.

“IMMACULATE CONCEPTION” ~ A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, December 7 Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM. Friday, December 8 Feast Day Masses at 9 AM & 7 PM. The Immaculate Conception is that sacred moment when Mary was conceived in her mother Anna’s womb and specially protected by God from any touch of original sin. In this way, Mary became the new Eve, a new beginning for the human race and a pure vessel to receive the Son of God and bear Him into the world. This is the Patronal Feast of the United States of America, a nation consecrated to Mary under her title as the Immaculate Conception.



GIVE ~ A ~ GIFT, DECEMBER 9 & 10: (GIFT BAGS ONLY, PLEASE NO WRAPPING): Once again we ask the people of St. Mary’s to help make Christmas truly a season of sharing. Give a gift to someone who has none. A teen to a teen, a child to a child, a toddler to a toddler. All items go to needy families in Boston, and are distributed through two inner city Catholic parishes. Please bring an article of new clothing and a new toy, unwrapped together in a plain bag or gift bag with a tag stating “Boy” or “Girl” and size or age up to age 18. No adult gifts please. Please place your gift in front of St. Mary’s altar at any Mass the weekend of December 9 & 10. Please note that all items are

driven into Boston early Sunday afternoon (December 10), so gifts dropped off late cannot be distributed. Thank you and God bless you! Please note: The “no wrapping” is requested by the receiving parishes as they otherwise have to tear the wrapping off to see which gifts are most appropriate for specific individuals.

COOKIE WALK, DECEMBER 9 & 10: After all Masses on December 9 and 10 long rows of tables will be set up in the Lower Church – tables loaded down with over 2,000 delicious homemade cookies baked by St. Mary’s Middle School Youth Group members. For \$6 you may purchase an empty cookie bag, then “walk” down the rows of tables and select cookies which youths (wearing plastic gloves) will place in your bag. All proceeds will directly benefit the poor of Haiti.



ADVENT CONFESSION SERVICE ~ MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:30 PM IN THE CHURCH: Eight priests will be available for Confession, as together we drive the darkness of sin from our hearts and let in the light of God’s healing grace. Nothing can help us “prepare the way” for Jesus to come into our lives anew better than the Sacrament of Confession. In this season of gift giving, Confession is one of God’s most precious gifts, restoring our innocence and our capacity to live and love like Jesus. Confessions are also every Saturday in Advent from 12-12:45 PM. There are no Confessions on Saturday, December 23.



HARP, ORGAN, LESSONS & CAROLS ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 5-6 PM IN THE CHURCH. Join us for an evening of beautiful music and scripture, anticipating the wondrous birth of our Lord Jesus. This year’s Lessons and Carols will feature the combined choirs and ensembles of St. Mary’s Church, as well as Harpist Anna Elsworth, and nationally-renowned Organist Brandon Santini, who will also offer a 30-minute organ concert at 4:30 PM. The program will include familiar carols as well as choral music by Rutter, Ireland, Britten, Carter, and others. Bring your family, and don’t miss this opportunity to fill your Christmas preparations with plenty of holiday cheer!

**SPIRITED HANDS CROCHET GROUP~ NEXT SUNDAY:**

On December 3, the members of the Crochet Group known now as "Spirited Hands" will be holding their annual sale of handmade crochet items in the Center Lobby after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. All of the items will be unique and well made. The Spirited Hands even prayed for the people who will be receiving their finished products. So these gifts will be precious! All proceeds go to help the needy.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ NEXT SUNDAY:

Our next Meeting is Sunday, December 3 from 6:30 – 8 PM in the Parish Center. There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the December 15 Caroling, Pizza Party, Christmas Lights trip, as well as

for our Snow Tubing trip to Nashoba in January. Celtics payments are also due tonight – watch your email this week to see if you have a ticket or on the waiting list. Any and all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are invited. Bring a friend!

EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: Our next EPIC nights are Sunday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 13 in Fr. Haley Hall from 7:30 to 8:45 PM. Our next EPIC event is a Christmas party at Bethany House on December 16. Details to follow in email! Please join us for faith, fun and fellowship in 2017-2018. Open to students in grade 9 to 12. Please contact Matthew Chick at stmarysym1870@gmail.com with questions. * Membership in EPIC, including participation in at least 6 of the 8 monthly meetings this school year (Oct. – May), and at least one EPIC Service Event, is a pre-requisite for participation in our St. Mary's 2018 Summer Mission Trip to do Hurricane Harvey Relief. Just as for years our parish teens have reached out doing Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy Relief, now we will respond to those impacted by the single greatest flooding event in our nation's history.



MUSIC	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Entrance	#727	#728	#728
Offertory	#620	-	-
Communion	#726	-	-
Recessional	#617	#729	#729

FATIMA SHRINE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY: The Xaverian Missionaries will hold their traditional Christmas Lights Display from Saturday, December 2 to Thursday, December 28, from 5 to 9 PM. Refreshments will be served in the hall. All are most welcome!

DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Father Haley Hall after the 9:30 Mass next Sunday, December 3, for donuts, juice and coffee! Members of the Parish Council will be there if you have any comments or issues regarding the Parish that you would like to share with them.



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: The St. Mary's December Newsletter will be collated tomorrow, Monday, November 27, in Fr. Haley Hall from 9:30 AM – Noon. Please come lend a hand so we can mail it out that same day! The December Monthly Newsletter is already available to view (in color and with extra pages), at the St. Mary's Parish Website: <http://www.stmarysholliston.com/>. Enjoy!

DECEMBER MEETING ~ PARENTS OF FAITH AND HOPE:

At our next meeting on Friday, December 1, we will gather in preparation for Christmas. How can we make this beautiful Season more joyously memorable and less stressful for our families? We are a

very supportive group of parents of children, teenagers and young adults with special needs, and those struggling with mental health, learning disabilities and other life challenges. The meeting will be from 8:45 to 11:00 AM at 12 Kingsbury Drive, Holliston. For additional information, please contact Donna at (508) 429-6576 or dmbrodo@comcast.net.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, November 26, the children will be dismissed and led to the Lower Church Hall for the Gospel. **Please note:** Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by a parent** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome as assistants to the adult leaders.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Nov. 26	NO CLASSES	
Mon., Nov. 27	GR-2 at 4:15 PM General Session	GR-3 at 4:00 PM Mrs. Butler's Class
	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-6 at 6:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., Nov. 28	GR-2 at 4:15 PM General Session	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-9 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Nov. 29	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thu., Nov. 30	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Dec. 03	Pre-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 1:00 PM	

MONITORS ARE NEEDED:

Sunday: 1:00 to 2:00 PM, GR-6 – weekly.

Monday: 6:00 to 7:00 PM, GR-6 – weekly.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY REHEARSALS: All the children participating in the Nativity are to attend the rehearsals on Saturday, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 at 9:00 AM in Fr. Haley Hall.

GRADE 2 GENERAL SESSIONS: Grade 2 children will have their General Sessions before their First Penance on Monday, Nov. 27, Tues., Nov. 28 and Wed., Nov. 29 at 4:15 PM in the church. Teachers are required to attend. If any child missed the Inscription Mass in October there will be a mini-inscription at 3:45 PM at each General Session. A parent must attend the mini-inscription with his/her child. Pick-up for the General Session is at 5:30 PM in the church.

GRADE 2 FIRST PENANCE SERVICES: Friday, Dec. 1 at 4:15 and 6:30 PM and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 AM. Parents must accompany their child for the Penance Service and arrive fifteen minutes before the service begins. Upon arrival please check your child in with one of the coordinators.

GR-2 TEACHER MEETING: On Sunday, Dec. 3 there will be an important teacher meeting from 3 – 4 PM in RM 3-4 covering Lessons 1 – 6 on the Eucharist. Teacher guide books, syllabus and other materials will be given out to the teachers at this meeting.

CONFIRMATION I AND II: Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, November 28 and Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

NORFOLK PRISON MINISTRY: Soap donations are due the second week of December. A bin is located in front of the Library for your donations. *Thank you for your help!*

ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES AVAILABLE:

On Sunday, December 3, we enter into the Church's Liturgical Season of Advent. One of the symbols used in the Church today is the Advent wreath. Many families gather around their Advent wreaths before their evening meal to light the candles and pray together. We have Advent wreaths with the brass candle holder available for \$15.00 each and a set of Advent candles for \$6.00. These will be available on **Sunday, December 3** following the Masses.

ADULT FORMATION: EPIC continues on Tuesday, November 28 in Room 3 – 4 from 10:00 AM to Noon.



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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: On Monday, December 11, there will be a parish wide Penance Service. Grades 3 and 5 will report to Fr. Haley Hall and Grade 8 to the church before 6:30 PM for the service and confessions. There will be several priests available for the Sacrament.

GRADE 4 CHRISTMAS HAPPENING GENERAL SESSION: On Tuesday, December 12 all Sunday and weekday children in Grade 4 are to attend the General Session and enjoy the wonder of making Christmas ornaments and gifts for the needy children in the parish community. Over fifty gift bags will be assembled by the Grade 4 children while they enjoy special homemade treats brought in by parents. They will listen to the wonderful Christmas story we all know so well, the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem. The Happening begins at 3:00 PM and ends at 4:30 PM. The children will report directly to Fr. Haley Hall.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.