



# St. Mary's Parish



## Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and to make Him known."*

### 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!

**Confession:** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# A Festival of Lessons and Carols

at St. Mary's Church in Holliston



## Next Sunday, December 15, 5:00 PM



Join us for an Advent and Christmas celebration through scripture and music. St. Mary's Choirs and Ensembles will join together to present choral music by Praetorius, Harris, Stanford, Rutter, Pearsall and others, as well as traditional Christmas carols to sing along!

The celebration will be led by St. Mary's Music Director, Kevin Lyczak (left). Nationally-renowned organist Brandon Santini (right), will accompany the service and present a 30-minute



organ recital at 4:30 PM. Bring your friends and neighbors!

*This event is free and open to all.*

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ MONDAY, DEC. 9, Holy Day Masses at 9 AM & 6:30 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. Come let us pray together for our nation. (Feast transferred to Monday by the U.S.C.C.B. because Dec. 8 falls on a Sunday this year).



**THIS WEEKEND, GIVE ~ A ~ GIFT, DECEMBER 7 & 8:** (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 7 & 8. Please note that all items are driven into Boston early Sunday afternoon (December 8), 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.



**THIS WEEKEND, COOKIE WALK, DECEMBER 7 & 8:** After all Masses on December 7 and 8 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.

### ST. MARY'S EPIC – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**TONIGHT:** All High Schoolers are invited to our December EPIC Meeting tonight, Sunday, December 8 beginning at 7:15 PM. The meeting will feature, games, fun, faith, small group discussions, a lesson on Christmas, and a Christmas Sing-A-Long! **Christmas Party with**

**Caroling at Doolittle Nursing Home is next Saturday, December 14** from 1:10 to 4:45 PM. Sign Ups at tonight's December 8 Meeting (Permission Forms were sent via email last week and will be available at meeting). Contact Youth Minister Jake Thiringer with questions at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next trip is Christmas Caroling for the elderly, this Friday, December 13, starting at Fr. Haley Hall at 5:30 PM, then on to the Nursing Homes, followed by a Pizza Party & Christmas Lights at the Fatima Shrine. Remember, pick up is AT THE SHRINE at 9 PM. Our next meeting is Sunday, January 26 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, a half hour longer because of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Sexes. There will be faith, friendship, fun, and signups for the February Vacation week trip! All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome!

**WEEKDAY SNOW POLICY:** Please remember that if the Holliston Schools close for snow then for driving safety there is no Daily 9 AM Mass and Rel. Ed. Classes are cancelled.

**CONTEMPORARY VESPERS ~ TUESDAYS, DEC. 10 & 17, 7:00 PM:** Bring your day to a restful end with this twenty minute experience of the Psalms, calming your spirit and letting go of distractions and anxieties. The Liturgy of the Hours connects you to the whole Church in prayer worldwide.



**2019 ST. MARY'S PARISH GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE**

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

2019 Grand Annual goal to cover operating expenses:	\$150,000.00
Grand Annual parishioner support received to date:	- \$112,580.00
Parishioner support still needed to reach 2019 Grand Annual goal:	\$ 37,420.00
% of 2019 Grand Annual achieved to date:	<b>75 %</b>
% of St. Mary's families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:	<b>49 %</b>



**Have you made your gift?**

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: Interior Church floor replacement, installation of new pew kneelers pads and hardware, designated pew removal improvements for our handicapped members to include easier accessibility in the Church, and Church Sound System upgrades and repairs as the old Sound System became illegal as the FAA purchased our old channels.

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. Jake Thiringer, D.R.E., Grades 8-12
- Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Parish Music Director
- Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music
- Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
- Mrs. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
- Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
- Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
- R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Mary Nolan. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections:	\$ 12,219.00
Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,045.00
WeShare:	\$ 1,608.15
Total Offertory:	\$ 17,872.15

St. Mary's thanks all those who support their parish so faithfully each week. Please be sure to make up parish support for weekends you are away. Thank you!

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
5:00	Frank Simonetti, 15 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Paul & Emma Jensen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Paul Brunaccini & Clare Maguire
11:30	Frank & Olga Proto
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
9:00	Immaculate Conception
6:30	Immaculate Conception
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
9:00	June McLean
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
9:00	Rev. John Sassani
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
9:00	Madeleine Dougherty
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
9:00	Rev. John Keane
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 14</b>
9:00	Walter "D" Robbins
5:00	Vincent & Joan Mullen
7:30	Merritt Moraski, 18 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Jacqueline O'Neill, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anv.
11:30	Emelia Bourque



*"To use this life well is the pathway through death to everlasting life."* - St. John Almond



**CALLING ALL LONG-TIME AND NEW PARISHIONERS:** The St. Mary's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee wishes to hear from those parishioners who have been members of St. Mary's for over 50 years. Do you have any photos or memorabilia we could use? We are also interested in hearing what brought new parishioners (5 years or less) to St. Mary's. Was there a particular parish program or ministry that interested you, or is our welcoming reputation just well-known far and wide! Please send any comments/anecdotes to [betty.febo@gmail.com](mailto:betty.febo@gmail.com) or if you would like to share a story in person, contact Sandy Liro at 508.429.6098. Your comments may be included in our new parish history, but no comments will be directly attributed without express permission.

**ANNIVERSARY VIDEO SERIES:** The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is planning a series of short videos on the parish to run in the Center lobby next year. One of the segments will be "Parish Life" and we are looking for group photos of sacramental celebrations, ministry groups, and general parish sponsored activities - the earlier the year the better! We will scan the photos and return them to you, or, we can scan them in your home if you would rather they not be lent. If you have something to contribute, email [betty.febo@gmail.com](mailto:betty.febo@gmail.com) or call me at 508-429-7190. Thank you!

**EXPIRATION DATES - HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF REQUEST:** Lately the Pantry Shelf has been receiving large amounts of food donations that are past the expiration date – some as much as five years expired. Please be very careful that any donated food is still within its labelled expiration date. Thank you for your generosity and attention to this request. God bless you.



MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	TM#20	#20	#20
Offertory	TM#23	-	-
Communion	#345	-	-
Recessional	TM#30	#22	#22

**FATIMA SHRINE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY:** The Xaverian Missionaries will hold their traditional Christmas Lights Display from Sunday, December 1 to Sunday, December 29, from 5 to 9 PM. Hot chocolate and cookies are provided for visitors. All are most welcome!

**KNIGHT OS COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE:** The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM in Father Haley Hall. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged. To schedule an appointment, contact 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search by zip code (01746) in the "Search for Blood Drive" field. For further information, contact Knights of Columbus blood drive coordinator, Rodman Burgett, at 508-653-6130.

**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Masses**

**\*4 PM Masses in both the Church and Parish Hall**  
(Hall Mass includes the Christmas Pageant)

**5:30 PM Mass in the Church**

**7:30 PM Mass in the Church**

**11:00 PM Mass in the Church, Carols at 10:30 PM**

*\* Please be aware that the two 4 PM Masses are very crowded and parking is quite difficult. As good neighbors, please avoid parking in the First Congregational Church's parking lot.*

**Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day Masses**

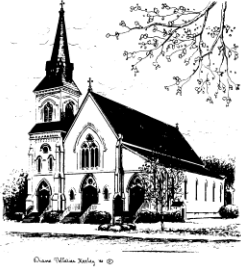
**9:30 AM Mass in the Church**

**11:30 AM Mass in the Church**

**~ CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ~**

The Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We encourage you to please give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the people of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you!





# Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

December 8, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

Today John the Baptist fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah, becoming a voice of one crying out in the desert, *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* In ancient times when a king planned to visit a distant part of his kingdom, he would send a herald ahead to announce his coming. As the dirt roads were often in poor condition, the king's subjects in that area were expected to carry out repairs in anticipation of his arrival.

Just so in this Advent Season, we are all being invited to effect spiritual repairs to smooth the way for God's coming anew into our lives. This is the time to fill in the potholes of resentment, the cracks of jealousy, and whatever other fractures sin has caused to mar the surface of our souls. Always the key to a joyful and graced Christmas - one where you really feel the "Christmas Spirit" if you will - is an Advent spent in real preparation. Look around for opportunities to make the necessary repairs. You know where the need for healing lies in your own family and circle of friends. You know where there is loneliness and heartache. You know where there is a need to return to prayer.

Over the past two days, fifty-five of our Second Graders prepared the way for Jesus by making their very First Confessions. They have set a good example for all of us, reminding us of the sacrament that like no other can return us to innocence and a childlike wonder of the Lord. If you do nothing else this Advent to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming, experience the Sacrament of Confession, available here each Saturday from Noon to 12:45 PM, and at the Shrine on Saturdays from 3-5 PM. In today's Psalm we sang of the *"fullness of peace"* Christ's Advent will bring, and it is not by accident that in Confession we always hear the words, *"May God grant you pardon and peace."*

May the Lord of Our Advent Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Reverend Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

## **ADVENT WISDOM:**

*"Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. Advent is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place."*

*"Daily we can make an Advent examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts."*

- Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac, p. 196

# AN ADVENT EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

An Examination of Conscience is a tool to assist one in preparing to make a good Confession. Just as accurately sharing symptoms of illness with our doctor helps physical healing, so a thorough and complete Confession of sin speeds spiritual healing. In Confession, Jesus is the great physician of our souls. As He once said, "Those who are healthy do not need a doctor, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners." Lk 5

## **I. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**

- Do I strive to love God with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength?
- Do I give Him the priority in my life that He deserves as my Creator and Lord or rather do I make compromises on my love for God for the sake of pride, pleasure or the avoidance of a necessary sacrifice? Do I spend time in prayer daily?
- Have I had any direct involvement with the occult, witchcraft, wicca, ouija boards, séances, tarot cards, new age crystals, fortune telling, or the like? Have I put faith in horoscopes?
- Have I received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I abused the Sacrament of Reconciliation by deliberately lying to the priest or deliberately choosing not to confess a mortal sin?
- Have I publicly denied a truth of the faith out of concern for the respect and opinion of others? Have I denied my faith?

## **II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

- We would never think of using the name of a friend in an irreverent way. Have we always treated the all-holy name of God with the greatest possible reverence and awe?
- Have I deliberately cursed or shown contempt for or ridiculed God, Sacred Scripture, the Church, Mary, the saints, or sacred places or things? Did I cause scandal by doing this in the presence of others?
- Have I failed to keep the promises/oaths made in the presence of God and while invoking His Name?
- Did I curse or swear? Do I use profane language?

## **III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of obligation without a serious reason such as illness, severe weather, or lack of transportation?
- Have I deliberately come late or left early from Mass? Have I disrespected the Eucharist and the Church community by walking out the door right after receiving Holy Communion, instead of praying with them?
- Do I try to keep Sunday as a day of rest and relaxation by avoiding unnecessary work?
- Have I deliberately allowed my children to miss Mass without a serious reason?
- Did I omit my Easter Duty? Did I omit my yearly Confession duty?
- Was I easily distracted at Mass?

## **IV. Honor your father and your mother.**

- Do I honor, respect, and obey my parents?
- Have I deliberately harmed my parents by word or by deed? Have I spoken badly of them in the presence of others?
- Do I treat my children with love, respect, and affection?
- Am I concerned about the well being (physical, spiritual, mental) of all family members?
- Have I neglected my family responsibilities?
- Do I respect and obey my legitimate superiors?

## **V. You shall not kill.**

- Have I intentionally harmed anyone?
- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped someone to have an abortion?
- Have I abused drugs or alcohol? Have I gotten high or drunk?
- Have I attempted suicide or given deliberate consent to the idea? Have I neglected my spiritual, physical or mental health or tried to harm myself?
- Have I ever led anyone to sin through bad example or through direct encouragement?
- Have I gossiped, made fun of, or harmed someone's reputation by my words?
- Have I harbored grudges or refused to forgive someone who has hurt me?
- Have I refused to help someone who was really in need?
- Have I been angry, resentful, or kept hatred in my heart?
- Have I failed to correct my transgressions through charity?

## **VI. You shall not commit adultery.**

- Am I faithful to my spouse in thought and in action?
- If unmarried, have I engaged in any kind of sexual activity with anyone of either sex?
- Have I viewed pornographic magazines, videos, or Internet websites?
- Have I masturbated or fornicated?
- Do I dress modestly (i.e. does my dress reflect my dignity as a child of God and preserve my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit or could I lead others to sinful thoughts by my dress)?
- Have I looked lustfully at someone or used impure speech in speaking of another? Have I led others to impure thoughts or actions by my own example?
- Do I avoid laziness, gluttony, idleness, and the occasions of impurity?

## **VII. You shall not steal.**

- Have I stolen or accepted stolen goods?
- Have I deliberately destroyed the property of others?
- Have I cheated anyone of what I owe? Do I pay my debts promptly?
- Have I cheated on my taxes?
- Do I gamble excessively? Am I stingy?
- Do I share what I have with the poor and the Church according to my means?
- Have I returned or made equal restitution for anything obtained immorally?



## **VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

- Have I lied? Have I sworn falsely? Have I gossiped? •Have I plagiarized or been academically dishonest?
- Have I revealed secrets or confidential information without good reason?
- Have I ruined anyone's reputation by spreading lies or maliciously revealing their faults and sins?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my talk? Am I sincere?

## **IX. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.**

- Have I deliberately and consciously entertained sexual thoughts about anyone beside a spouse?
- Do I guard my imagination and senses?
- Have I watched shows, plays, pictures, or movies that contain impure scenes with the deliberate intention of being aroused by them? Am I responsible about what I read?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?

## **X. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.**

- Am I envious or excessively desirous of the possessions, abilities, talents, beauty or success of others?
- Have I been sorrowful over another's good fortune? Have I been happy when someone was hurt?
- Am I moody, gloomy, sad or sour? Do I work, study and keep busy to counter idle thoughts?
- Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the true treasures in Heaven?



JOIN FR. MARK J. COIRO IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S PARISH, HOLLISTON



**MARCH 6 - 15, 2020**  
**\$3,719 FROM BOSTON (BOS)**  
*Price is Per Person Based on Double Occupancy*

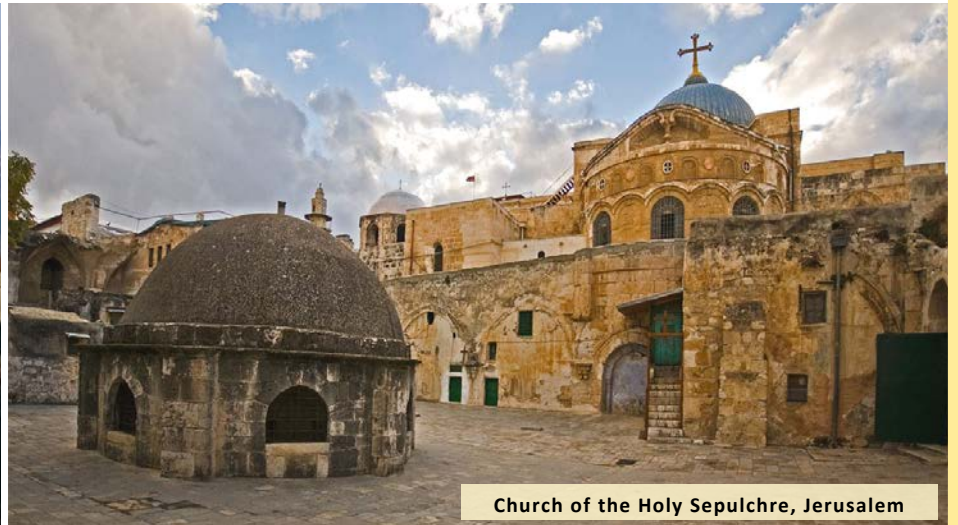


Fr. Mark J. Coiro

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Church of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Church of All Nations, Jerusalem



Dead Sea

# SAMPLE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## Day 1, Fri, Mar 06: Depart for the Holy Land

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

## Day 2, Sat, Mar 07: Arrive in Tel Aviv and continue to Tiberias

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel in Tiberias in time to check-in. Enjoy dinner at the hotel before retiring for the evening.

## Day 3, Sun, Mar 08: Caesarea - Stella Maris - Nazareth - Tiberias - Cana

**Theme: The Annunciation**

Depart Tel Aviv to Caesarea Maritima, one of the three largest ports in the Roman world, next to Alexandria and Piraeus "Athens", which were built by Herod the Great between 21 B.C. and 9 B.C. It was in Caesarea where St. Peter baptized the first gentile convert Cornelius, and where St. Paul gave his defense of the church. From here, we will see the Roman Theater, Herod's Palace, view the Hippodrome, and the harbor from where St. Paul sailed on his journeys. Continue north to Haifa, located on Mt Carmel, where we will visit the Carmelite Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and pray at the cave which Elijah the prophet took refuge. Continue on to Nazareth for lunch, and then visit the Church of the Annunciation. Visit the museum and archaeological garden where we can see the remains of Nazareth at time of Christ, as well as St. Joseph's workshop – which is now known as St. Joseph's Church. Within the Church of the Annunciation, you will make our way down to the Grotto to see the remains of the house of the Blessed Mother, and where the Angel of the Lord announced the good news to Mary. Celebrate Mass in this Church, and then continue on to Cana. It was here that Jesus performed His first miracle, changing water into wine. During your visit at the Wedding Church, married couples will have the chance to take part in the ceremony and renew their wedding vows. From there, we continue on to Tiberias, located on Sea of Galilee, for dinner and overnight.

## Day 4, Mon, Mar 09: Tiberias: Sea of Galilee

**Theme: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee**

Today begin this day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a boat ride on the beautiful and scenic Sea of Galilee (Luke 5:1). Upon docking the boat, you will have the opportunity to view the remains of a boat that dates back to the time of Jesus. Following the Sea of Galilee, we continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus proclaimed His great Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:20-49). Near the Mount, is Tabgha, one of Jesus' miracle sites. At Tabgha, Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 people from five loaves of bread and two fish (Luke 9:10-17). Also, in Tabgha is St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus bestowed church leadership upon Peter (John 21:9). Continue to visit the birthplace of Mary Magdalene in Magdala. During the time of Jesus, this village was a prosperous fishing village that exported fish and garum (a fish sauce reduction; popular in Roman cooking). Your day concludes at Capernaum, the launching place of Jesus' ministry. In Capernaum, see the Synagogue where Jesus taught (Mark 1:21-29) and gave His sermon on the Bread of Life. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 5, Tue, Mar 10: Jordan River - Mt. Tabor – Jericho – Jordan River - Jerusalem

**Theme: The Transfiguration**

After breakfast, we will drive to the site of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor (Matthew 17:1-50). At this site, you will have some time to reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Transfiguration. Continue south to the Jordan Valley to the oldest inhabited city in the world, Jericho (Joshua 6:12-25). In Jericho, you view the exact location, the Mount of Temptation, of where the Devil tempted Jesus during his forty-day fast (Luke 4:1). Following the visit to this mountain, continue to Jesus' baptismal site on the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17). After some time at the Jordan River, we will transfer to Jerusalem to check-in to your hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight.

## Day 6, Wed, Mar 11: Jerusalem: Temple Model - Ein Karem - Bethlehem

**Theme: The Visitation and Nativity**

This morning, enjoy breakfast before we start our day in Jerusalem, which houses the temple to which Jesus was Presented (Luke 2:22). Visit a model of the Second Temple as it was in the time of Jesus. Following this visit, we will take a short drive to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. It is known that there are two churches in Ein Karem, both representing the two homes of Zechariah and Elizabeth. The first is in a valley where the birth of St. John the Baptist is commemorated (Luke 1:39-80) in the Church of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The second is on a hill where Elizabeth spent five months in seclusion (Luke 1:24) at the Church of the Visitation. You will have a chance to visit both of these churches and have the opportunity to pray the Mystery of the Rosary as you walk up the hill to the Church of the Visitation. In the afternoon, transfer to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. In Bethlehem, you will have the opportunity to view the Shepherd's Fields (Luke 2:8). In the caves of these fields, you are still able to see the soot marks of fires that shepherds lit to

keep warm. The tour concludes at the Manger Square which stands in front of the Church of the Nativity. As you enter the Church, you will proceed down to the Grotto of the Nativity which marks the spot of Our Savior's birth (Matthew 2:1-18). Beneath the altar, there is a silver star and a Latin inscription that states: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). Following Mass in this Sacred space, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 7, Thu, Mar 12: Bethany - Dead Sea

**Theme: Early Years in Jerusalem & the Wilderness**

Following breakfast at your hotel, we will travel down the Jordan Valley to Qumran. Qumran is made up of 2,000 year old ruins from the days of the Second Temple and also the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written and discovered (Ezekiel 47:8-10). These writings have helped further the understanding of Jewish background in Christianity. Time and weather permitting, you will have the opportunity to take a float in the Dead Sea, the lowest and saltiest spot on Earth. Continue as you travel through the Judean wilderness, the site where Jesus spent His 40 days of fasting. The day of touring culminates with a transfer to Bethany. Bethany is the site where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead which foreshadows His own Resurrection (John 11:38-44). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 8, Fri, Mar 13: Jerusalem: Mt. Of Olives - Gethsemane - Mt. Zion (Upper Room) - Western Wall

**Theme: Palm Sunday and the Agony in the Garden**

After breakfast, we will make our way to the Mount of Olives where you will be able to take in the beautiful, panoramic view of Jerusalem. Historically, the Mount of Olives was a mandatory transit point for Jesus during many iconic moments. Visit the Pater Noster Shrine where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster) (Luke 11:1-4). You will have the opportunity to stop at Dominus Fleuit which is a Church that commemorates where Jesus wept for Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). Continue on to Gethsemane, a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Jesus brought His disciples here to pray the night before He was crucified (Luke 22:29-53). The Garden still contains trees with roots that date back to the time of Jesus. Your next stop, the Church of All Nations, built over the "Rock of Agony". This is where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest. Throughout this time, you are invited to remain in prayer and to reflect on Christ's agony that He experienced. You will have the opportunity to visit the Western Wall, which is the last remnant of the Jewish Temple after it was destroyed in 70 A.D. Continue with a visit to the house of the High Priest Caiaphas (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu). This Church commemorates where Jesus was examined and eventually imprisoned before the Council in Jerusalem. It also commemorates Peter's Denial of Christ (John 18:15-18), Peter's repentance, and Jesus' forgiveness of Peter. You will also visit the Upper Room on Mt. Zion. The Upper Room is where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30) and where Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Death and Resurrection (Mark 16:14). In addition, visit the nearby Benedictine Church of the Dormition. Tradition tells us that this Church is where Mary, the Mother of Jesus, "fell asleep." At the end of this prayerful day, return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 9, Sat , Mar 14: Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulchre

**Theme: The Way of the Cross, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection**

This morning you will have a very early wake-up to begin the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) at the Antonia Fortress. This is the spot where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate (John 18:28-19:16). Following His condemnation, He was taken (on the Road to Calvary) to His place of Crucifixion. Reflect upon the Stations of the Cross as you travel through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Luke 23:26-33). This sacred destination is the site of Calvary (Jesus' crucifixion place) and His tomb (Luke 23: 50-55). Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Following Mass, we will return to the hotel to enjoy breakfast. We will continue our day with a visit to the Church of St. Anne's, the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents (Anne and Joachim); and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled man (John 5:1-9). This afternoon, enjoy a revisit to the Old City. Following this visit return to the hotel to enjoy dinner and overnight at your hotel.

## Day 10, Sun, Mar 15: Return Flights Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for return flights home.

### **\*206 Tours Disclaimer:**

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# INCLUSIONS & RESERVATION APPLICATION

### YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- + Round-trip air from Boston (BOS)
- + Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- + 8 nights Holy Land at centrally located first class hotels: (or similar)
  - ~ 3 nights: Mar 07 - 10: Leonardo Plaza, Tiberias
  - ~ 5 nights: Mar 10 - 15: Notre Dame, Jerusalem
- + Transfers as per itinerary
- + Breakfast and Dinner daily
- + Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- + Wi-Fi on motor coach
- + Wireless headsets where needed
- + Assistance of a professional local guide(s)
- + Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- + Tips to Hotel Staff and Restaurants
- + Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- + Flight bag & Portfolio of all travel documents



### Not Included:

- Lunches, Beverages not mentioned, Tips to your guide & driver
- Optional:**
  - \*Travel Insurance optional ([www.206tours.com/insurance](http://www.206tours.com/insurance))
  - \*Extended Cancellation Protection Plan @ \$299 ([www.206tours.com/cancellationprotection](http://www.206tours.com/cancellationprotection))

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- Process the total trip costs now

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\*Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PASSPORTS, VISAS & DOCUMENTS** A valid US passport is required for US citizens. If you do not have a valid passport please contact your closest passport office or see Passport Information. Passports must be valid at least 6 months after return date. US or Canadian citizens do not need to obtain visas for most countries 206 Tours services. For all other nationalities please consult the country of your consulate. When and if visa is required it is passenger's responsibility to obtain one. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS** Final documents are issued upon receipt of final payment only and within 3 weeks of departure. Documents are not guaranteed if final payment is not received on time. Upon receipt of your documents you are responsible to check your itinerary, spelling of your name, dates, times and other important information to insure their validity. Should your final documents have any errors it is the passenger's responsibility to contact 206 Tours immediately.

**PARTICIPATION** 206 Tours and suppliers contacted for services reserve the right to refuse to accept or retain any person whose behavior is deemed likely to affect the smooth operations of a tour, or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of other passengers. 206 Tours, its agents, and suppliers shall be under no liability to any such person for refund, compensation, repatriation or any other matters arising.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS** Once a deposit or partial/full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received. In addition to a \$300 per person administration fee, the following charges apply:

- 60 - 46 days prior to departure 10%
- 45 - 21 days prior to departure 50%
- 20 - 03 days prior to departure 80%
- 02 days prior to departure or less no refund

Additionally, once tickets are issued the ticket value is non-refundable. Requests for a refund must be in writing (mail, fax or e-mail). Phone calls cannot be used as a form of cancellation. Refunds will be issued within 30 to 60 days of receipt of written notice. No change of names or substitutions are permitted. No refund or cancellation fees will be waived due to death or sickness. \*Special trips & events such as Canonizations, WYD or Oberammergau have additional cancellation penalties such as a \$400 non-refundable deposit. Please carefully review the terms and conditions for each trip as per the trip website prior to reservation.

**TRAVEL INSURED INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE** 206 Tours suggests the purchase of travel protection to protect you and your trip investment. Travel Insured International Insurance offers a waiver of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion if insurance is purchased within 21 days of initial trip deposit. Travel protection cannot be purchased after your trip is paid in full and protection plan premiums are non-refundable.

Please find plan rates below:

Trip Cost	Plan Cost Per Person
\$1,001 - \$1,500	\$150
\$1,501 - \$2,000	\$170
\$2,001 - \$2,500	\$180
\$2,501 - \$3,000	\$196
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$210
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$225
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$240
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$253
\$5,001 - \$5,500	\$280

This is a partial description of benefits. For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions of the plan, please refer to the Description of Coverage, which is available at [www.206tours.com/insurance](http://www.206tours.com/insurance). If you do not have internet access 206 Tours is happy to provide a copy of the Description of Coverage (DOC), upon your request. Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided by the designated provider as listed in the Description of Coverage. This plan provides insurance coverage for a covered trip. The purchase of travel insurance is not required to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer. You may already have coverage that provides similar benefits and you may wish to compare the terms of this coverage with your existing coverage. If you have questions about your current coverage, call your insurer or agent. The travel retailer is not qualified to answer questions about the benefits, exclusions or conditions of the travel insurance. Travel Insured International, 855 Winding Brook Dr PO Box 6503 Glastonbury, CT 06033. Phone # 1-844-228-3679.

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**AIR TRANSPORTATION** Air transportation is in economy class on IATA-approved carriers. Ticketing must be completed no later than 14 days prior to departure. Fares are based on levels in effect at the time of printing and prices and schedules are subject to change without notice. All is subject to the airlines terms of carriage. 206 Tours is not responsible for any cancellations, loss, delays, injury, illness, or expenses incurred due to actions made by the airlines. Business class is based upon availability and at additional cost for the Trans-Atlantic portions of your ticket. For any issues which arise in relation to airline service complaints and compensation should be addressed to the specific carrier.

**AIRPORT TAXES, FEES & FUEL CHARGES** Airport taxes are included in our tour packages. Airport taxes are based on departure city and government fees (airport taxes include Federal Inspection Fees for the U.S. Customs and Immigration; International Air Transportation Tax; Agricultural tax; security fees, and other airport related taxes).

**SEAT ASSIGNMENT** Random seats are assigned for all group participants. If you would like to secure a specific seat, or sit with a companion please advise us of such request at the time of booking, we will make an effort to accommodate you, however we cannot guarantee. If you must have specific seat we recommend you to be at the airport at least three hours prior to departure and arrange the seat assignment with your airline's gate agent. Bulkhead and exit row seating can never be requested prior to the day of departure. 206 Tours can never guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline & are pending availability, subject to aircraft/seat map changes.

**LAND ONLY** Transfers are NOT included in Land Only costs. From time to time, a tour may be canceled due to non-materialization. If you chose to purchase a Land Only package and arrange your own domestic or international flight independently of us, be advised that 206 Tours is not responsible for domestic or international flights or transfers of any kind. Booked or purchased items outside of 206tours are sole responsibility of client.

**TRANSFERS** Our programs include group round-trip transfers. Pilgrims or passengers who did not purchase "all-inclusive tour" or who purchased land only package and are arriving or leaving independently must transfer at their own expense. Expenses incurred for transfers due to lateness of flights are at the expense of the passenger and may be claimed for reimbursement from the airlines. No smoking is allowed on motor coach.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel accommodations are based on twin-bedded or double rooms. 206 Tours reserves the right to substitute similar category hotels without prior notice.

**PRIVATE ROOMS and SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

A limited number of single rooms is available (on request basis only) at the supplement price. Single rooms provide privacy, but they are in some hotels smaller than twin or double rooms and sometimes may be poorly located, especially in the older hotels. As a general ratio we are able to confirm 10% of the total number of group participants in single rooms. If ratio is higher special supplements may be implemented for something referred to "single in double room" at an additional rate to the single supplement rate listed. If passengers are traveling alone and wish to have 206 Tours assign a roommate we will do our best, however, if we do not succeed in assigning a same sex roommate for you, you will be responsible for the additional Single Supplement fees.

**TRIPLE ROOMS** In most hotels (other than Paris) triple accommodation is possible, however, no reduction in cost is available. Due to pace of our pilgrimage schedule it's a challenge to open up all 3 suitcases and everyone's hand luggage; take showers and be on the move within appropriate time. First Class and Superior Tourist Class Hotels in general are not set up for triple rooms. Hotels usually either add a third bed which is like a fold up bed or a sofa bed. At times such as in Paris it is either impossible or worse it's the "Murphy bed". For that reason we discourage booking triple rooms. **MEALS** Most trips includes two meals per day (breakfast and dinners) which are served at your hotel or local restaurants. Beverages are not included with dinners where not indicated. In case you chose not to have a meal, there is no refund for unused meals. Although we cannot guarantee, we will try and accommodate each special meal request on flights as well as at hotels. Please advise of such a request at the time of booking. We can not guarantee that special meal/diet requests can be met.

**BAGGAGE** Each tour participant is permitted to bring one checked suitcase, one small carry on bag (8" x 14" x 22"), and one personal item (i.e. purse, laptop case). In general, the airlines permit 1 checked bag weighing up to 50 lbs (23 kg) and maximum dimensions of 62 in (158 cm) calculated by adding the length + the width + the height of the bag. Please check with your specific airline to verify the size and weight allowances. 206 Tours is not responsible for the loss of, theft of, delay, or damage to a participant's belongings.

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conditions beyond its control, including defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, thefts, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary for any act, omission, or event during the time you are on board the aircraft. Neither 206 Tours and/or agents of the airlines concerned are to be held responsible for the late arrival of passengers at airports or hotels due to inclement weather, nor are they to be held liable for payment or any refund for transfers or unused hotel accommodations or meals occasioned by such late arrivals at the hotels holding rooms as confirmed itineraries. Passengers must bear all such losses or expenses. To guard against unforeseen health or other circumstances, we recommend you purchase our optional insurance. 206 Tours is not responsible for circumstances beyond its control. In circumstances where trip cancellations resulting from the inability for trip to depart as scheduled, such as cancellations due to acts of war and/or terrorism, war, God, or nature takes place, 206 Tours is not liable for restitution. Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication of the tour, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits. We will have daily Mass and strive to be in places as indicated. However, sometimes this is not possible as the site may not be available for Mass or itinerary changes are forced upon us. In this case an alternative site for Mass will be arranged.

**SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS THOSE WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** You must report any disability requiring special attention to 206 Tours at the time of registration for any tour. We make every effort to accommodate disabled passengers by reserving for them wheelchair assistance at airports and handicap accessible rooms where available, however, we cannot guarantee and are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Be aware that all of our tours are operated outside the U.S. where the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps or lifts. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to any tour participant for walking, dining, while in their room, on flight, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion(s) must accompany passengers who need special assistance. It is the passenger Traveler's responsibility to arrange for such assistance prior to making their reservations. Motorized scooters are unsuitable and impossible to accommodate. 206 Tours is not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the tour. Additionally, airlines are not able to guarantee or provide assistance for disabled passengers including special seating. Pregnancy, Breast-Feeding, and Pregnant women considering international should be advised to evaluate the potential problems associated with international as well as the quality of medical care available at the destination and during transit. A pregnant woman is advised to travel with at least one companion; during her pregnancy, her level of comfort may be adversely affected by traveling.

**YOUNG TRAVELERS** Travelers who are less than 18 years old on the departure date must be accompanied by an adult. Due to heightened security, many countries have adopted practices to prevent international abductions of children. If a child will be traveling with adults other than the parents or with only one parent, it is recommended that a notarized letter be written by the parents or non-traveling parent granting authorization to including the dates of. We also suggest that you contact the appropriate consulate and airlines because they may have additional requirements. For the purposes of 206 Tours trips an infant is defined as anyone who is under the age of 24 months for the entire duration of their trip. A child is defined as any one between the ages of 24 months and 11 years for the entire duration of their trip.

**SAFETY** Please be aware that during your participation on tours operated by 206 Tours, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of being in undeveloped areas; by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. 206 Tours does not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. 206 Tours is not responsible for compensation for cities/sites omitted from the itinerary due to circumstances beyond it's control.

**PHYSICALITY OF OUR TOURS** Please note that almost all destinations serviced by 206 Tours require physical fitness and a lot of walking, sometimes up/or down the hills and at times very rough terrain. You may certainly stay behind for certain parts of the journey, however, it is suggested that 3 to 4 weeks before your departure one should begin preparing physically begin walking "briskly" 1-2 times a day; build up to 2-3 miles with no discomfort. **SERVICE INQUIRIES AFTER THE TRIP** If upon returning from your trip, you wish to inquire about any services provided, please ensure that all correspondence is received by 206 Tours, 333 Marcus Blvd - Hauppauge, NY 11788, within 45 days of the tour completion date. This will enable us to make a timely investigation.

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**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, December 8, the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the lower church hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. **Please note:** Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to assist the adult leaders.

**WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Dec. 08	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 5:00 PM	
Mon., Dec. 09	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	
Tues., Dec. 10	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-9 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Dec. 11	GR-5 at 3:00 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Dec. 12	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Dec. 15	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	
	GR-4 at 7:55 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM

**HELP - MONITORS ARE NEEDED:**

For information and details call 508-429-6076.

**GR-4/5: MONITOR** - Alt Sundays 10:45AM-12:15 PM.

**GR-6: 1 MONITOR** - Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 PM.

**GR-8: 1 MONITOR** - Alt Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM.

**GR-9: 1 MONITOR** - Alt Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020.**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY:** The second rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 14 from 9 – 10 AM. Please bring your children to Fr. Haley Hall to check in. Any questions contact Debra Frey at: [specialinnkeeper1224@gmail.com](mailto:specialinnkeeper1224@gmail.com).

**GRADE 7 CHASTITY PROGRAM:** On Sunday, January 5 at 5:00 PM and on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 PM, Linda Thayer, our guest speaker, will address the importance of chastity in the Christian view of human sexuality with the Grade 7 students. All Sunday and Wednesday Students are required to attend. Parents are always welcome to join us for these presentations.

**OUR LIBRARY:** Our Librarian, Betty Febo, is frequently placing books on display to attract interested readers and keeping the Library up to date. Stop by and borrow one of the many spiritual and enlightening books.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS:** Meets on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:45 PM in the Library.

**CONFIRMATION I:** Grade 9 classes meet on Tues., December 10 and Thurs., December 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

**GRADES 5 AND 7 COORDINATORS ARE STILL NEEDED:** Please contact Fran Crespi for information if you are interested and able to help. Training will be provided. Please call 508-429-6076 or email: [st.marysdre@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre@gmail.com).

*Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.*

**ADULT FAITH SERIES:** On Tuesday, December 10, the "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" series will continue from 10:00 AM to Noon in Room 3 – 4. All are welcome!

**GRADE 4 CHRISTMAS HAPPENING GENERAL SESSION:** On Monday, December 16 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 needy children in the Holliston 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 is from 3 – 5 PM. The children will report directly to Fr. Haley Hall.

**TOOTHPASTE COLLECTION FOR BETHANY HOUSE:** Thank you to all who participated in the toothpaste collection for Bethany House. There will be over 2500 gift baskets made to serve the prison ministry.

**COME LORD JESUS ~ ADVENT MINI-RETREAT:** **Today:** Sunday, December 8 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the church there will be an Advent Retreat with Eucharistic Adoration. A reflection will be given on preparing our hearts for Christ's Second Coming. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the retreat in Fr. Haley Hall.

**GRADE 6 JESSE TREE:** Our Grade 6 students have decorated the Jesse Tree located in the lobby. Jesse was King David's father and as we are told in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah that one day a shoot would "sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his root a bud [would] blossom." This blossom would be the promised Messiah Who would save the people from their sins. As the season of advent moves forward let us rejoice and be glad and welcome Jesus into our hearts!