



# St. Mary's Parish



## Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday  
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, 9:30-10:30 AM,  
and Advent Tuesdays, 7-8 PM.

## Our Mission:

*“To know Christ and to make Him known.”*

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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 register through our website or by calling the rectory. 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 12 to 12:45 PM, and Advent Tuesdays from 7-8 PM.

**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. Congratulations!



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November 27, 2022  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

I pray that your Thanksgiving Day celebrations were safe, peaceful, and renewing. I take this opportunity to offer thanks for the ten new Altar Servers being installed at St. Mary's today – Andrew Cataldo, Aidan Kramer, Brendan Kramer, Keegan Kramer, Benjamin Baril, Hope MacEvoy, Evan Scaramella, Julianne Digiacom, Caroline Bernier, and Jacob Enriquez. Due to a large number of high school senior Altar Servers graduating and leaving for college this past year, we are still in need of at least six more new servers. Another class will therefore be forming up early in the New Year.

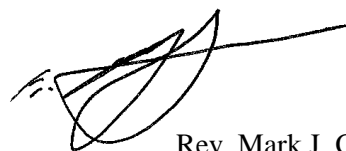
The Advent season that begins today is itself a call to gratitude, as we thank God for the gift of His Son Jesus already given in Bethlehem, and also for the gift of the Kingdom of God for which we now wait in joyful expectation. As reflected in the Mass readings, the first half of Advent focuses on this second gift – the return of Jesus in glory at the end of time. The second half of Advent recalls joyfully the first gift, Jesus' Nativity over 2,000 years ago.

While the secular world has already leapt ahead to Christmas, we as Church begin by contemplating the meaning of Jesus' Second Coming. It is easy to forget that time is finite and that opportunities to repent and accept the Lord Jesus are not unlimited. The experience of a worldwide pandemic, with all its attendant losses, has made us perhaps more aware than ever of the fragile and passing nature of our earthly lives. The Advent season is meant not to evoke fear, but a new urgency for faith and a wider, clearer vision of the truth that one day we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. As today's Gospel reminds, *"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

Even as the lighting of candles on the Advent Wreath counts down for us the Sundays to Christmas, let us remember that every single day is bringing us closer to the Kingdom of God. Let us consider therefore where we currently stand in relationship to God and neighbor. And where necessary, let us take steps that will strengthen those relationships by mercy, generosity, patience, and love.

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

Under His Mercy,

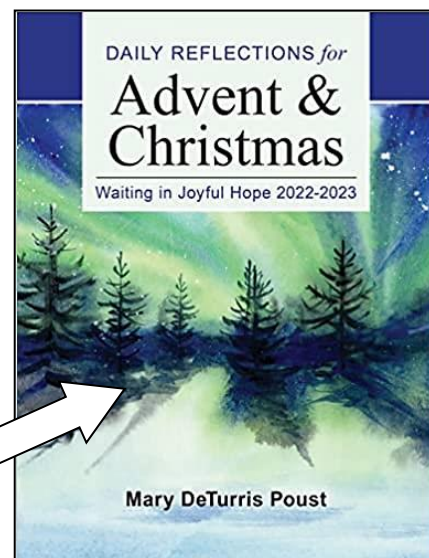


Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

For Advent, the sanctuary draperies have been changed to purple, the Church's color of penance and preparation. Likewise the priest's and deacon's vestments are purple – the darker "royal" purple of Jesus the newborn King or returning triumphant King. This is different from the more "violet" purple of Lent, the redder tint of which suggests the blood spilt for us by Jesus on Calvary. For this same reason the Advent vestments are much richer in ornamentation than the plain vestments worn during Lent.

To the right of the sanctuary stands the St. Mary's Advent wreath, the candles of which will count down for us the weeks until Christmas, even as time itself counts down to the return and final judgment of Jesus. We hope that an Advent wreath will grace your own family table tonight, as it is a beautiful way to bring prayer into your home and teach children about the two comings of Jesus.

**At all church entrances, Advent Daily Prayer books have been provided.** Please take one home with you. May it strengthen and enrich your Advent. Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God.



## 2022 ST. MARY'S PARISH GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

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

<b>2022 Grand Annual goal to cover operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Annual parishioner support received to date:</b>	<b>- \$ 97,915.00</b>
<b>Parishioner support still needed to reach 2022 Grand Annual goal:</b>	<b>\$ 52,085.00</b>
<b>% of 2022 Grand Annual achieved to date:</b>	<b>66 %</b>
<b>% of St. Mary's families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:</b>	<b>27 %</b>



As the Grand Annual continues, contributions may be placed either in the gold G.A. envelope you received in the mail, or in a separate envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual." G.A. envelopes may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped through the Rectory Office Door Mail-slot. The wooden offertory boxes at Mass may also be used.

As explained in the special mailing to all parishioners, the \$150,000 goal will fund staff salaries, the exterior painting of the church and the repair/refurbishment of all four Parish Center bathrooms. 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
- The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
- Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
- Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, Permanent Deacon
- Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
- Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
- Mr. Christopher Pelonzi, Music Director
- Mrs. Theresa Virzi, Grades 8-11 and Youth Minister
- Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
- Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
- Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
- Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
- R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:**

Retired Women Religious \$ 3,533.00. Thank you.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,681.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,897.00
Offertory Envelopes Dropped/mailed to the office:	\$ 6,802.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 14,380.00</b>
<b>Shortfall:</b>	<b>\$ 620.00</b>

Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. The fiscal health of your parish depends on it. Kindly consider switching to Weshare or Automatic Giving. See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>November 26</b>
5:00		Kenneth Croke & Louise Croke
7:30		John & Helen Shannahan
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>November 27</b>
7:30		Joan McEachern
9:30		Edward & Constance Tynan
11:30		Rene Martinez
<b>Monday</b>		<b>November 28</b>
9:00		Olga & Frank Proto
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>November 29</b>
9:00		Holy Souls
11:00		Funeral ~ Richard Trinque
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>November 30</b>
9:00		Agrippina Bender, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>December 1</b>
9:00		Stephen Fogarty
<b>Friday</b>		<b>December 2</b>
9:00		Fr. Issa & the People of Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>December 3</b>
5:00		Vasco, Pauline, David & Wayne Brovelli
7:30		Charlie Coles
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>December 4</b>
7:30		Joan McEachern
9:30		Tancred Schiavoni
11:30		Katrina Petery

**CHANGE IN CHURCH SEATING:** Masks are no longer required in the St. Joseph statue / Elm Street side transept. The St. Mary statue / rectory side transept remains masks required. Thank you.

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

## TODAY ~ "THE BLESSINGS OF WAITING," AN ADVENT EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: Sunday, November 27, 3:30 – 4:30 PM.

Come and prepare your hearts for the season of Advent by spending one hour of prayer and reflection before the busyness of Christmas takes over. Join us in the church for an Advent Retreat with Eucharistic Adoration. Tom Petty famously once wrote, "The waiting is the hardest part." While that may sometimes be true, it doesn't always have to be. Since ancient times, the people of God waited for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. Now 2,000 years later, as Christians, we are waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus. We long to see Him and look forward to the perfected earth and the New Jerusalem. Psalm 27 compels us to be patient. "Wait for the LORD,

take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!" Why would God make us wait? It is because there is a goodness to waiting. Through our patience, we have the opportunity to receive blessings while preparing more room in our hearts to receive the fullness of His love. This liturgy will be led by Deacon Ron Dowding.



## STARTING THIS TUESDAY ~ ADORATION & CONFESSION: Every Tuesday

of Advent, November 29; December 6, 13, & 20, from 7 - 8 PM. Bring your day to a restful end by basking in the True Presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Clear and quiet your soul from all that has come between you and God by making a good Confession – especially if it has been awhile. Confession is a healing encounter with Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The Lord's mercy, healing, and grace are given to us through this encounter. In it Jesus also strengthens us to resist future or ongoing temptation. The Sacrament of Confession is a moment of accountability for us before the Lord. The Lord's forgiveness and mercy is infinite. Nothing we have done can ever separate us from experiencing God's forgiveness through this sacrament. Confession will also continue to be offered Saturdays in the church from Noon to 12:45 PM, *except* on December 24.

## NEXT WEEKEND ~

**GIVE A GIFT: December 3 and 4 at all Masses.** Once again we ask the people of St. Mary's to help make Christmas truly a season of sharing. 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. Kindly place your gift in front of St. Mary's altar at any Mass the weekend of December 3 & 4. Gift bags only please.



## NEXT SUNDAY ~ SPIRITED HANDS CROCHET GROUP/ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP:

**December 4 after the 9:30 AM Mass.** The members of the Crochet Group known now as "Spirited Hands" and the St. Mary's Women's Group will be holding their annual sale of handmade crochet items in the Center Lobby on. All of the items will be unique and well made. The Spirited Hands prayed for the people who will be receiving their finished products. So these gifts are precious! All proceeds go to help the needy.



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Wednesday, December 7 Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM. Thursday, 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.



**December 10 & 11, after all Weekend Masses.** Long rows of tables will be set up in the Lower Church Hall – tables loaded down with over 2,000 delicious homemade cookies baked by St. Mary’s Middle School Youth Group Members. They will be carefully sealed in plastic, 2 x 2. For \$6, you may purchase an empty cookie bag, then “walk” down the rows of tables and select a dozen cookies which youths (wearing masks and plastic gloves) will place in your bag. All proceeds will benefit the poor of Haiti, a deeply impoverished nation recently rocked by a presidential assassination, a major earthquake, and a hurricane.



## LESSONS & CAROLS:

**Friday, December 16, from 7-8 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 St. Mary’s Adult Choir under the direction of Mr. Christopher Pelonzi. The program will include familiar carols as well as choral music by Ord, Thompson, DeSilva, and

more. Bring your whole family and fill your Christmas preparations with plenty of holiday cheer!

**ADVENT WISDOM:** *“God walks into your soul with silent step. God comes to you more than you go to Him. Never will his coming be what you expect, and yet never will it disappoint. The more you respond to his gentle pressure, the greater will be your freedom.”*

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

## “LONG LAY THE WORLD!”

An Advent Mission With Katie Patrizio

Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in St. Mary’s Church.



The centuries before Christ were a time of upheaval. Wars raged in Palestine and one nation after another rose up in conquest against the Jewish people. But a simple prophecy in the Book of Daniel had all Israel holding its breath, for it gave an exact timeline for when to expect the arrival of the Messiah.

Join nationally acclaimed Catholic Speaker Katie Patrizio as she unpacks the Old Testament roots of Christmas and the historical backdrop of the Nativity story. Plan to go home with a greater appreciation for the pining of the Jewish people, and the longing of our own souls for the Coming of the Lord.

Katie Patrizio is a Catholic speaker and teacher best known for her talks on Scripture. She holds degrees in philosophy, theology, and scripture, and hosts a weekly podcast called Sunday Dive.

*“Katie is one of the most inspirational speakers in our Church today. She allows Sacred Scripture to come alive in a life-changing way. Listen and be changed!”*  
- Jon Leonetti, Catholic Speaker and Author

*“Every time I hear Katie speak, I learn something about Scripture that I didn’t know before. Katie blends a deep love of God’s word with a dynamic teaching style, and I’ve personally witnessed a number of lives changed through her talks.”* - Dr. Bud Marr, Director of the National Institute for Newman Studies

Long lay the world  
In sin and error pining  
Till He appeared  
And the soul felt it’s worth

**WHAT IS THE ROSE FOR LIFE?** In every Sunday bulletin you see the name of an individual or family who has sponsored the “Rose for Life” that week. This tradition began at St. Mary’s twenty-six years ago. The cost of sponsoring the rose is \$10. Part of this goes to purchase a single rose which is placed in front of the statue of Mary in our church every Saturday morning, remaining there all week as a visible reminder to please pray for the health and safety of unborn children.

The rest of the offering is given to the Pregnancy Help Program of the Archdiocese of Boston, a beautiful ministry that assists individuals in crisis pregnancies. Pregnancy Help offers free and confidential counseling, referrals and assistance on a wide range of medical, social service, housing and financial issues. Many women come to Pregnancy Help feeling totally alone, isolated and abandoned by family, friends and partners. Others have some support but they are confused and frightened about what to do. Whatever a particular woman’s situation might be, Pregnancy Help provides a safe place where she can come, speak from her heart and find the support she needs.



**Want to sponsor the Rose for Life one week in 2023? We currently need MANY new sponsors. Please call 508-429-4427 to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life today!**

Each year, Pregnancy Help assists more than 350 new clients at their two locations in Brighton and Natick. All their services are free and confidential. Pregnancy Help is staffed by nurses and bilingual caseworkers who have been trained to offer a wide range of support. Their services extend through all stages of pregnancy, from pregnancy testing through delivery and into the postpartum period. Clients range in age from high school students to women in their 40’s. Services are offered in English, Spanish and Portuguese. More information at: <http://www.pregnancyhelpboston.org/>

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by a parishioner in memory of Vasco and Pauline Brovelli. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

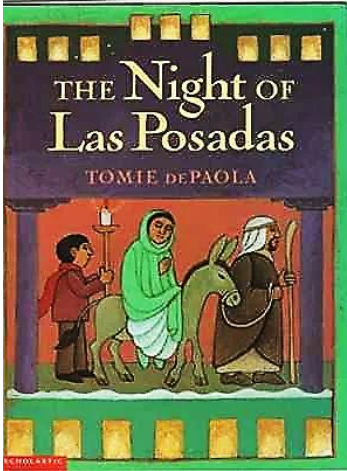
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next Meeting is Next Sunday, December 4 from 6:30 – 8 PM in the Parish Center.

There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the December 16 Caroling, Pizza Party, Christmas Lights Trip and the January 13 Snow Tubing Trip! Any and all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited. Bring a friend!

**T.G.I.F (Teens Gather In Faith):** Coming up next for T.G.I.F - Mark your calendars for December 11, a very special meeting at a new time of 6:45-8:45 PM! There will be an opportunity to share in faith, and celebrate Christmas! Don’t you worry, the saran wrap Christmas challenge will continue again this year, so bring your friends and some Christmas spirit. Ice Skating coming up on December 17. Permission forms due at December 11 meeting. Any questions, please reach out to Theresa at [StMarysYM1870@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysYM1870@gmail.com).

**HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP:** This year’s High School Mission Trip will take place July 16- July 23, 2023. More information will be coming soon! *“If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing!”*  
- Saint Katharine Drexel



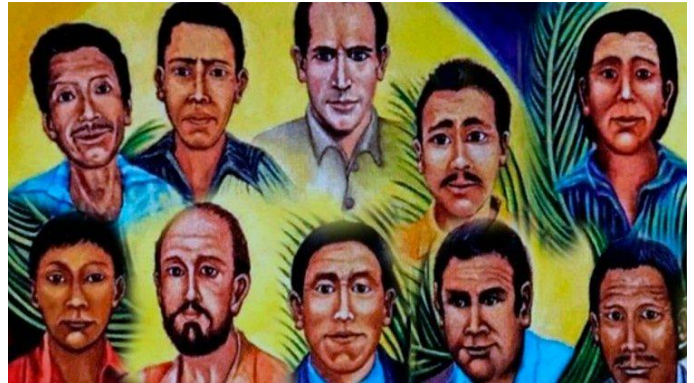


**FAITH SEEKING VOLUMES:** Are you looking for some written inspiration this Advent and Christmas? Here is a hope-filled Advent book for adults titled *A Season of Little Sacraments: Christmas Commotion, Advent Grace*, by Susan Swetman, and a delightful children's Christmas book, *The Night of Las Posadas*, by Tomie DePaola. Susan Swetman's reality-affirming book is divided into four sections, one for each of the four weeks of Advent. She writes about her experiences of finding Christian meaning, and grace, amidst the day-to-day commotion and yearly rituals (writing the annual Christmas letter or decorating the Christmas tree, for example) of the Advent (pre-Christmas) season. DePaola's beautifully illustrated, *The Night of Las Posadas*, is based on a Latino tradition wherein a community re-enacts Joseph and Mary's search for a place to rest in Bethlehem. When the community members in one particular town who are chosen to play Joseph and Mary are held up by a storm, a miracle takes place which allows the re-enactment to come to its expected conclusion. Both books are available through the Holliston Town Library and from online booksellers. – Leo Racine

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Through the month of November, traditionally referred to as the “Month of the Holy Souls” the Book of Remembrance will be in front of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle in the church. You are invited to write the names of your own departed loved ones in the book. Their intentions will then be included in all the Masses celebrated at St. Mary’s during November. May God welcome them into the light and perfect peace of His presence.

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** ~ Let us get to know our Native American Brothers and Sisters.

**The Lay Martyrs of Quiche (d. 1980-1991):** The Lay Martyrs of Quiche are seven lay K’iche’ Mayan men from Guatemala who were declared martyrs in early 2020 and were beatified on April 23, 2021. All seven were martyred during the Guatemalan Civil War, alongside three Spanish priests of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Included among their number are Blessed Juan Barrera Méndez, a 12-year-old boy, and six married men, who served as translators, catechists, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and nurses.



**WINGS: (Women in God’s Spirit)** is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Fall 2022 In-Person and Virtual Season “Called to Relationship.” Our speakers were outstanding and the topics were very thought-provoking. Watch for details on our Winter Season starting in early February. For more information call Jennifer Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795 or email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF HELP:** Regular coffee, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, Chunky Soup, cookies, canned turkey/chicken, canned fruits, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, toilet paper and cake and brownie mixes. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

**NOVEMBER 27:** Advent has arrived. We are starting afresh and the messages in today’s readings are meant to help us orient our lives toward lives of holiness. “Walk in the light of the Lord”; and “conduct ourselves properly.” There can be no room for jealousy or rivalry or indecent behavior. This holy season of Advent is a time to re-order our lives and our priorities. Even if TV or social media and commercialism try to distract us from this reflection, let’s make every effort to make this special season a time of prayer, inviting Jesus into our lives. As you do so, take note of the effects this “fresh start” has on yourself and those around you.

**FATIMA SHRINE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY:** The Xaverian Missionaries will hold their traditional Christmas Lights Display from Thursday, December 8 to Tuesday, December 27, from 5 to 9 PM. Hot chocolate and treats are provided for visitors. All are most welcome!



**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, November 27, 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. Note: Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson

**The Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**

This contest is open to all youth between the ages of 5-14. There are three age groups: ages 5-7, ages 8-10, and ages 11-14. The suggested poster size is 11x14 inches. Each poster must be submitted with an entry form by **December 15, 2022**. There are council prizes for winners. Winners will enter State Council Contest. **Entry forms are available in the Religious Education Office or downloaded from:** <http://kofc14224.org/#/kofclinks>. Contact Fran Crespi or Council Knight Nick Calapa for more information.

**CLASSES THIS WEEK**

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Nov. 27	GR-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 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM
	GR-10 at 11:30 AM	
Mon., Nov. 28	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Nov. 29	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Wed., Nov. 30	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Sun., Dec. 04	PRE-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-9 at 11:30 AM

**GRADE 2 IMPORTANT REVIEW PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR FIRST PENANCE:** Teachers must be present during the practice session with their classes. All practice sessions are in the church at **4:30 PM**.

- For the Sunday, 8:10 AM classes - Mon., Nov. 18.
- For the Sunday, 10:45 AM classes - Tues., Nov. 19.
- For the Wed., 4:15 PM classes - Wed., Nov. 30.

Contact us if your child has to attend another day.

**GR-2 FIRST PENANCE SERVICES:** Parents and children must arrive in the church fifteen minutes before each service to check in at the entrance and to be seated.

- Friday, December 9 at 6:30 PM
- Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 AM

**MONITORS ARE NEEDED: GR-2 / 3** on alternate Sunday mornings from 8:10 to 9:25 AM; **GR-4 / 5** on alternate Sundays from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM; **GR-6** on alternate Sundays 4:00 to 5:30 PM; **GR-7** on alternate Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 PM; **GR-8** on alternate Mondays or Tuesdays from 6 – 7:30 PM. Please call 429-6076 for information.

**VIRTUS – EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN (EGC) NEW SAFETY PROGRAM:** The Boston Archdiocese has rolled out a new Safety Program for 2023 for Grades K-12. Parents can view the program at: [www.VIRTUSonline.org](http://www.VIRTUSonline.org). Enter the **User Name:** Parent\_Boston and then the **Password:** EGCBoston1. When you are in the landing page click on the **education tab** at the top. You can view the Lesson plans for Grades K – 12. Please take the time to view this program before the scheduled safety classes begin in January through March 2023.

**LAST CALL! CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY:** Families who wish to have their children in Grades 1– 4 participate in the Christmas Nativity 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve must submit their child’s sign up form **NOW**. Rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday **12/3, 12/10 and 12/17**. Please submit the completed sign up form to: Debra Frey, 615 Winter Street, Holliston MA 01746 or to: [SpecialInnkeeper1224@gmail.com](mailto:SpecialInnkeeper1224@gmail.com).

**ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS ARE AVAILABLE:** Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent wreath is a tradition in many family homes. We have Brass Candle Holders and sets of Candles available for sale in the Religious Education Office. Advent Candles are \$6.00/set or a set of Candles with the Brass Candle Holder are \$15/each.



**ADVENT MINI-RETREAT ~ TODAY:** All are welcome to begin their Advent journey toward Christmas by participating in a **one hour Mini Advent Retreat** from **3:30 to 4:30 PM** in the church. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a reflection by Ron Dowding **“The Blessings of Waiting.”** This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts to receive the blessings and anticipation of Christ’s Holy Birth and Coming as our Savior.