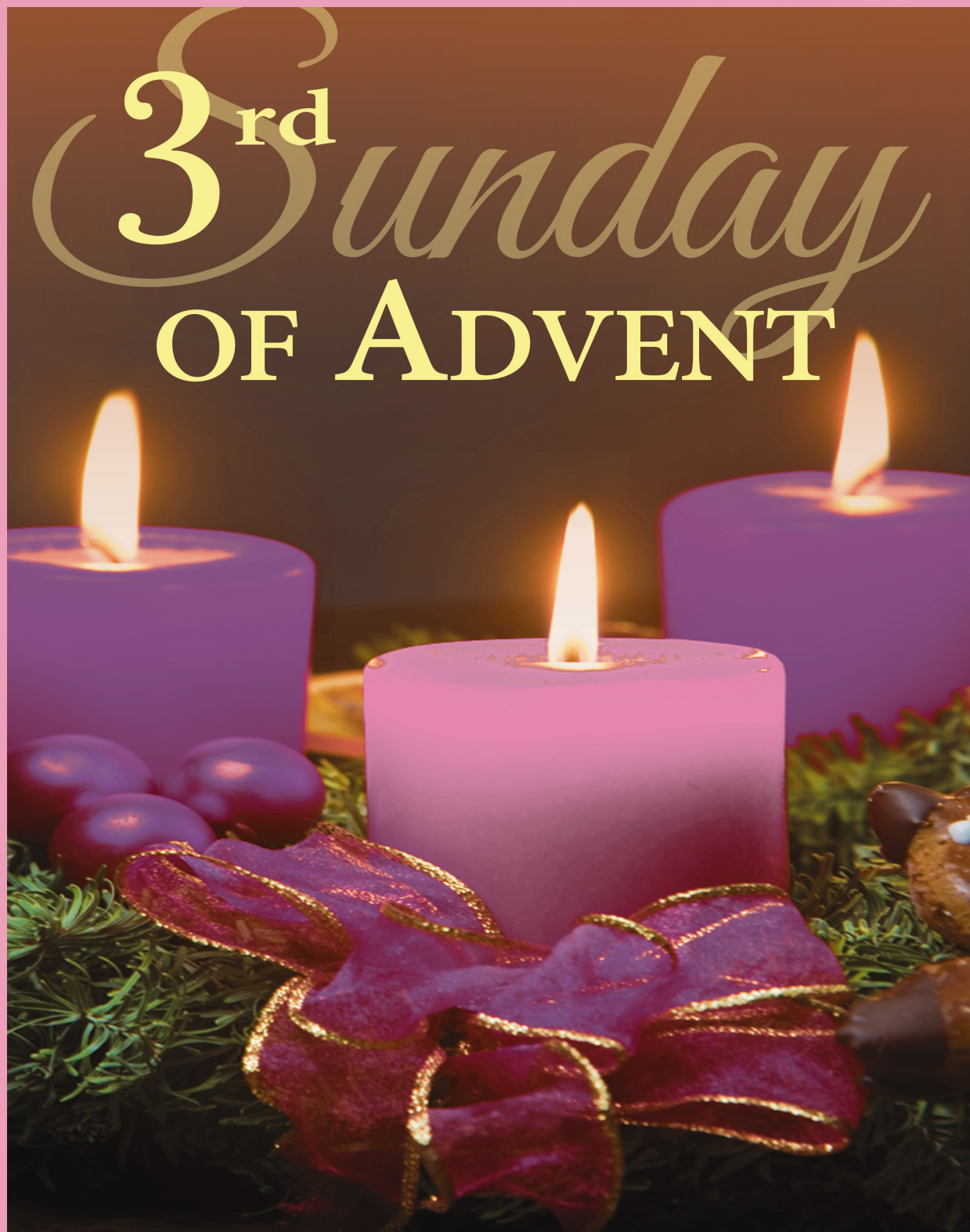


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December 15, 2024



Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm John McCarthy - 1st Anniversary

Sunday, December 15

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am Kevin Hardiman - Memorial

11:00 am John Ramondi - 13th Anniversary

6:00 pm Margaret T. Dowd - 35th Anniversary

Monday, December 16

9:00 am The Clancy Family

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 am Rev. Albert Kelley and Arthur Kelley -
Birthday Remembrances

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 am Available

Thursday, December 19

9:00 am Available

Friday, December 20

9:00 am Available

Saturday, December 21

5:00 pm James Lahive - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, December 22

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am Michael Scannell - 5th Anniversary

11:00 am James W. Stevens - Memorial



Confession enables everyone to experience God's love and forgiveness. Confession will be available on Saturday afternoons from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm.

Third Sunday in Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday

“Rejoice!” “Rejoice, in the Lord always.” The response to the psalm text is even clearer, “Cry out with joy and gladness for great among you is the Holy One Israel.” The message this week is clear. It is time to wake up to the fact that our God is among us and has been for ages past and for ages to come. This rejoicing has that we do has everything to do with our faith, and on the very belief that “the Lord is near.” In the remaining days of Advent make time each day to reflect on the times and places where you felt that the Lord was with you, and then rejoice and give thanks that the Holy One is near.

Mass on Sunday at 6:00 pm will be celebrated on December 15th. All parishioners are welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses: Tuesday, December 24th

Church : 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Parish Hall: 4:00 pm (Streamed)

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th

Mass: 10:00 am in the church

Saturday, December 28th Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29th

Masses : 7:00 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st

Mass at 10:00am



Christmas Collection

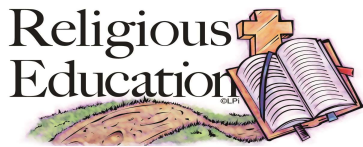
Each Christmas, our parish collection benefits the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well being of our active and senior priests in good standing in the Archdiocese of Boston. By supporting this collection, you can show your appreciation for the priests who have made a difference in your life, the lives in our parishioners and our community. Our priests need your support now more than ever. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to all the priests who have devoted their lives to our church and to all of us. To donate on line, please visit clergytrust.org. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.



We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all our parishioners who so generously contributed to the Giving Tree this year. We are so grateful for your kindness, support and generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Saint Christine's every Thursday following the 9:00 am Mass and ending at 6:40 pm with Benediction. Spend some time with Jesus face-to-face and heart-to-heart for a few minutes or spend a holy hour with Jesus.

Third Sunday of Advent



All Faith Formation classes will meet as scheduled this week.

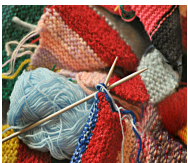
Christmas Vacation

Faith Formation classes will not meet from Sunday, December 22nd through Wednesday, January 1st. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th.

Grade 9 and Grade 10 Confirmation students will meet this Sunday, December 15th. All Confirmation classes take place from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm which includes Mass at 6:00 pm. Families are most welcome to attend.

Adventure to the Epiphany

This Advent, our Parish Family will help our Faith Formation students in supporting the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) with funds for the education, faith formation and protection of life of children 14 years old and younger. Advent calendars that encourage daily prayer, reading, service and sacrifice partner with your donations in the Mite Boxes make the program come alive. **Calendars and Mite Boxes are available at the door of the church.** Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!!!



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Sunday, December 15th in the Children's Room. Meetings are held every other Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. For beginners who wish to learn to knit and/or crochet, we are ready and willing to teach you. Please call Mary Belsan at 781-834-4308 or Maryellen Mastriani at 781-834-3420 for more information. All are welcome to join us.



New Day Bereavement Support Group **December 17th 12:30 to 2:00 pm**

If you are recently or not so recently bereaved because of the loss of a loved one, you are welcome to join us on Tuesdays in the Children's Room in the Church. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Susie McCarthy at 781-837-0088 ext. 19.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

The Christmas season is a time of memories especially of our beloved deceased family and friends. Christmas Flower envelopes for donations in memory of them have been placed at the entrances of the church. Please **print clearly the names on the back of the envelope** and return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or to the rectory. You may also make a Christmas Flower donation on our website by clicking the On-Line Giving icon and follow directions on Quick Give. Thank you.

Envelope Users: Any church envelopes that you want to be included in your 2024 tabulation for income tax purposes must be returned now. **Deadline is Sunday, January 5th.** Also please remember to write the amount of your donation on the front of your envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation.



Card Making and Coffee

A "Thinking of You" Ministry

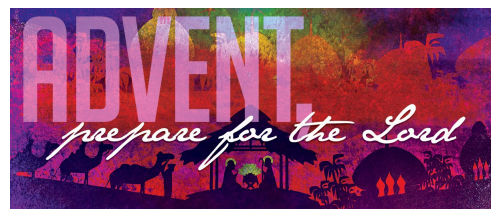
All parishioners are invited to come and make beautiful handcrafted cards for our parishioners who need a happy greeting. We will meet Friday, December 20th in the parish hall after the 9:00 am Mass. We need your hands to help. Contact Eileen Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for information. All are welcome.



Lectors are needed to serve at our weekend Masses. If you are interested in being a Lector, please call Eileen Shacochis at 781-834-4097.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Come and join Father Mario and others for an eight day pilgrimage to Shrine in Medjugorje departing from Boston on July 22 and returning on July 30, 2025. To learn more about this pilgrimage, please contact Dana at 617-270-6054.





You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By giving your weekly or monthly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, secure, dependable and convenient means of giving. You can also set up a payment with smaller amounts being paid weekly or monthly. Please visit www.saintchristines.org and click on the on-line icon or scan the QR code. For more information and assistance, call the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Nov. 30/Dec. 1

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 5,768
On-Line:	\$ 2,650
Total:	\$ 8,418
Deficit:	\$ 1,382

You gave \$1,437 in the second collection for the Christmas Flowers for the church and hall.

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of our parish.

Snow Birds - If you are going South this winter, please continue your faithful financial support of our parish even while you are away from home. You can donate through On-Line Giving using the QR code above. Your weekly/monthly donations help Saint Christine's to pay our bills. Thank you.



Marshfield Food Pantry needs donations of food, soup and canned vegetables. Also needed are personal care items such as shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, deodorants, detergents, tooth brushes, tooth paste and diapers (babies and adult). You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at Library Plaza on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 12 noon and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Monetary donations for the Food Pantry are also needed and may be sent to P. O. Box 1097, Marshfield, MA 02050. Thank you for your support.



Brooks' World will sell Christmas Trees at Roche Brothers until Monday, December 23rd. Proceeds from the Tree Sale benefits programs for children such as scholarships, funds to travel overseas and educational supplies for children in need. Volunteers are especially needed to sell trees working in 2 to 4 hour shifts. All adults or youth 12 years or older are asked to lend a hand. For more information or to help, call 617-962-1193 or visit: mohonkct@gmail.com. Thanks!

Live Streaming Masses on Television

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchristines.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the You Tube link. Masses will be streamed on:

Saturday, December 21st 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 29th 11:00 am

A Celebration of Convalidation: If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage at our parish or at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross during World Marriage Week on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm with Bishop Mark O'Connell. This is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. Visit bit.ly/CatholicConvalidation for information or call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756.

The **"Tots Playgroup"** will meet every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the parish hall. There will be activities for all the children and light refreshments will be available. Parents, guardians, toddlers, babies, and Pre-K children are welcome. Join us.



Healing Service, led by Deacon Jack Sullivan, will take place at Holy Family Church in Duxbury on Friday, December 20th at 5:00 pm followed by Benediction. For more information, please call Deacon Jack at 781-563-2107.

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2024**

Reading

ZEP 3:14-18A

Are all our problems are solved! And indeed they have with the coming of Jesus! How can this be so? Are you caught up in everyday problems? Instead,, "Shout for joy!" Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Psalm

IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

A rare time when the Psalm is not from the book of Psalms. Again, the readings call us to "Cry out with joy!" What gift does Jesus have for us? What do we need to do to receive this gift?

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reading

PHIL 4:4-7

Paul is reminding us to "rejoice" because "The Lord is near"! What is "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding"? You see in comics the man holding the sign, "The end is near!" What 'end' is meant by the sign? Do you find it in the reading?

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

IS 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

LK 3:10-18

John the Baptist was often asked, "What should we do?" Have you asked (prayed to) Jesus this question? What answer have you received? All he asks if for faith in him and his grace will be given.

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Building the Creche 2024



Front Porch with God

Me: Rejoice Father! Rejoice!

God: Ah, yes, the third Sunday of Advent.

Me: Yeah, the pink candle - or the rose candle - we're almost there!

God: And where is 'there'?

Me: Christmas! The birth of your Son...Our Savior!

God: Okay. You're on the right track.

Me: I know I am...and that's a good reason to rejoice! Right?

God: Yes it is. I would like it if more people had that realization.

Me: Well, it took me a long time before I did, so I don't think it's unusual

God: You are right with that. And I am thankful whenever anyone stops for a moment to cherish the real meaning of this celebration

Me: Does it ever bother you when we get so carried away with the Santa thing and decorations and lights and gifts and all that?

God: Hmmm. That's a very good question. Let me put it this way...I'm not bothered by all that if people find a very real moment to recognize what we are celebrating. However, I *am* disappointed when there is no realization at all about the birth of my Son.

Me: Maybe that's why we have the different candle this week? To remind everyone to stop and really think about Christmas?

God: Very good...I think that could help a lot of people find that moment that I'm talking about. Thank you for that.

Me: Well, it's not that great of a realization on my part, I mean...

God: No, no...it may not seem that great a statement to you, but to me, if each person were to find a moment to know what we are truly celebrating, that would be my reason to "Rejoice!"



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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am

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Adoration at Saint Christine's

Thursdays 9:30 am to 6:45 pm

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