



The Faith Community of  
**The Cathedral of Saint Joseph**  
 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
**OF ADVENT**

“Then they will see the Son of  
 Man coming in a cloud with  
 power and great glory.”  
 - Lk 21:27



**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

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**Schedule of Masses**  
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
 Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:00 AM  
**Daily Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
 7:30 AM , 12:10 PM, Saturday, 9:00 AM  
**Virtual Masses:** Sunday Mass livestreamed on Parish Website  
**Holy Day Masses:** As announced  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 PM

**Parish Registration**  
 We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners.  
 Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Parish Office.

**Devotions:**  
 Saturday, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM  
**Holy Hour:** every first Saturday of each month

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday November 27,**  
 9:00 AM No Mass intention  
 4:00 PM Donald Brick, requested by Gayle & Mark Brick.

**Sunday November 28, First Sunday in Advent**  
 8:30 AM William & Jane Fischetti, requested by their children.  
 11:00 AM Norman Morse, requested by Eileen Morse.

**Monday November 29,**  
 12:10 PM Rev. Nicholas Cesaro, requested by Marie & Gary Pelletier.

**Tuesday November 30, St. Andrew**  
 12:10 PM No Mass intention

**Wednesday December 1,**  
 12:10 PM In honor of Saint Joseph

**Thursday December 2,**  
 9:00 AM For the people of the parish

**Friday December 3, St. Francis Xavier**  
 12:10 PM Rev. Salvatore J. Rosa

**Saturday December 4, St. John Damascene**  
 9:00 AM Blessed Virgin Mary  
 4:00 PM Michael F. Conard, requested by his family.

**Sunday December 5, Second Sunday in Advent**  
 8:30 AM Joseph S. Hinchliffe, requested by his wife and four children.  
 11:00 AM Rev. Peter Henry, requested by Donna and Berta Britschgi.

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE TURN ME OFF DURING MASS**



**The Sanctuary Candle will burn November 28 - December 4 in loving memory of Margie Simmons, birthday remembrance, requested by friends.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, November 27**  
 9:30 -10:30 AM - Rosary Prayer Committee  
 3:00 - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Confession

**Sunday, November 28**

**Monday, November 29**

**Tuesday, November 30**  
 12:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic

**Wednesday, December 1**  
 7:00 - 7:30 AM - Rosary Prayer Committee  
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic

**Thursday, December 2**  
 10:00 AM - Food Pantry distribution

**Friday, December 3**

**Saturday, December 4**  
 9:30 -10:30 AM - Rosary Prayer Committee  
 3:00 - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Confession

**Sunday, December 5**  
 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM - Religious Education Classes, lower Church

**November 13 & 14**

Weekly Offertory Collection:	\$3,097.00
Online Giving	\$738.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,835.00</b>

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Please note that to avoid multiple collections on the weekend of December 11th and 12th when we traditionally have our monthly collection, we will have the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection the weekend of December 4th and 5th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Upcoming Second Collections December 4 & 5**

Retirement Fund for Religious

**December 11 & 12**

Monthly Collection

The Christmas flowers envelopes can be placed in any of the collection baskets at any of the weekend Masses.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPi

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**CATHEDRAL GIVING TREES**

Our Giving Trees are looking a little more normal this year, however, please know we continue to offer many ways to participate in this Advent program. You are welcome to take tag(s) from the two trees located in the East and West entrances. Return all gifts by Sunday, December 12th to the elevator entrance. Monetary donations are welcome online or by writing a check to the Cathedral with the memo line "Giving Trees" and placing in the weekly collection or mailed to the Parish Office. Please see the parish website for details. 2022 calendars and planners are always appreciated! Questions can be emailed to [CathedralGivingTrees@gmail.com](mailto:CathedralGivingTrees@gmail.com) or please call the rectory.

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

During the season of Advent, we will begin each weekend liturgy with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. We are most grateful to the families from the parish who have volunteered to join in the procession at the beginning of the Mass, as well as assist us in the lighting. Those families assisting us next week are as follows:

- Saturday, December 4, 4:00 PM - **Socha family**
- Sunday, December 5, 8:30 AM - **Simpini family**
- Sunday, December 5, 11:00 AM - **Lar family**

**EQUAL EXCHANGE - SOLIDARITY BOX for SALE**

A collection of some best-selling products – coffee, tea, chocolate bars, baking cocoa, and chocolate chips – from global small-farmer cooperatives, is available for only \$50. In an act of solidarity with farmers and supporters, you may order the Solidarity Box by calling (774) 776-7366 or by visiting the website: [shop.equalexchange.coop/solidarity-box](http://shop.equalexchange.coop/solidarity-box). Please contact Claire Bergin if you have any questions. Thank you.

### FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Let us give thanks by helping to provide Thanksgiving dinner to our neighbors in need.

**The following items are needed:**

**Canned vegetables, Canned fruit**

**Stuffing mix, Rolls**

**Cranberry Sauce, Non-perishable desserts**

**Dessert mixes**

We will also gratefully accept monetary donations.

Donations may be left in the lower church and volunteers will be at the elevator entrance after all the Masses this weekend

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### FUNERAL MINISTRY

Throughout the year, members attend and participate in the funeral liturgy of the deceased parishioners. They represent the parish family in respectful recognition of the passing and offer the support of their prayer to those present. Members also participate in the annual Parish Mass of Remembrance. If you would like to become a member, please call the Rectory Office at 860-249-8431.

**Remembering Recently Deceased Parishioners:**

To memorialize a recent passing of a parishioner in any weekly Cathedral Bulletin, please also call the Rectory Office.

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### CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry provides food for those in need, in the Asylum Avenue Parking lot of the Cathedral, every Thursday, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The next distribution date is **December 2nd**.

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### CT FOODSHARE MOBILE TRUCK

The Connecticut Foodshare Mobile truck provides free bags of food to those in need every other Wednesday, 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM on the Asylum Avenue Parking Lot of the Cathedral. The next distribution date is **December 1st**. For more information please visit [foodshare.org/mobile](http://foodshare.org/mobile) for sites and times of distributions.

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### MALTA HOUSE OF CARE MOBILE CLINIC

The Malta House of Care provides free primary health services to uninsured adults. The clinic offers services at the Asylum Avenue Parking Lot on Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon to 4:00PM. It also comes temporarily to the Cathedral on Wednesdays, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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### ROSARY PRAYER COMMITTEE

Everyone is invited to come join us at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph to pray the Rosary, every Wednesday at 7:00 AM, before the 7:30 AM Mass, and every Saturday at 9:30 AM following the 9:00 AM Mass.



### CHRITSMAS GATHERING

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus will hold a Christmas Get-To-Gether on Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00 PM at 31 Woodland Street (the Woodland) in the community room.

The Knights will celebrate the success of the efforts made to assist during the Fall Confirmations, the "Coats For Kids" event, and the setting of the Nativity Scene in front of the Cathedral. Any Catholic man interested in becoming part of the Knights of Columbus is invited to attend the event. Please call our Grand Knight, Mike McGarry, at 860-422-7937 or email [mikem1944@aol.com](mailto:mikem1944@aol.com).

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### From the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry

**Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending U.S. Poverty**

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:00 PM, the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host a virtual conversation with the authors of Broke in America, Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox. We'll discuss what is needed to end poverty in the United States. Jered Bruzas, Director of Operations for St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury will provide local insights to poverty within our state. Registration is required. To register go to <https://bit.ly/3yb588C> Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org) (860) 242-5573.

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### FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Did you know that in addition to helping our neighbors with food insecurity that our pantry also helps with providing clothing, toiletries and houseware items to those in need?

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have partnered with several women's shelters to provide basic necessities. **Currently, we are in need of items such as new or gently used children's coats, jackets, warm socks, mittens and hats.** Donations can be dropped off downstairs in the lower church. God bless all of you for your generosity.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- Sunday** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

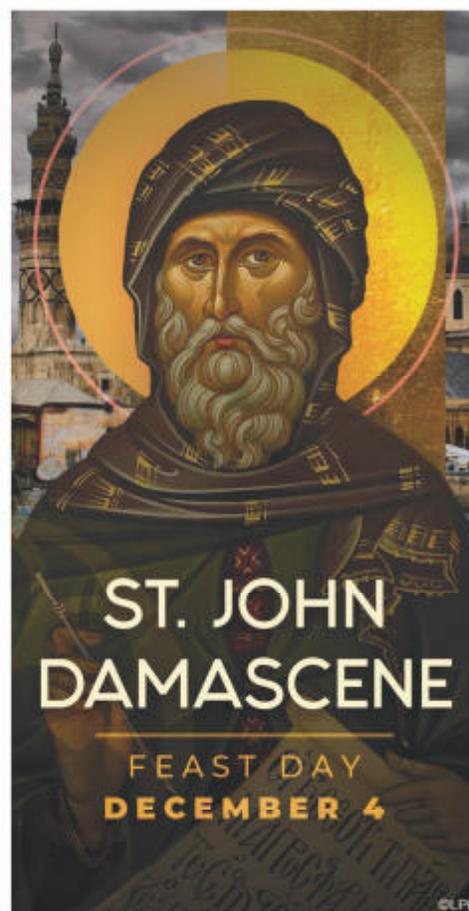
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- Sunday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Friday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

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