

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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*THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) &
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*



The Nativity of the Lord



Saturday, December 25, 2021

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Sunday, December 26, 2021

9:00 a.m. Healing Mass for Parishioners of St. John's

11:00 a.m. Jim Rita **Healing**

Monday, December 27, 2021

12:10 p.m. Catherine Middleton Memorial

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

12:10 p.m. Judith Canty Memorial

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

12:10 p.m. Robert Gerbrands **(Healing)**

Saturday, January 1, 2022

4:00 p.m. Jack Lee Memorial

Arlene & Anne Thompson Memorial

Michael & Agnes Upton Anniversary

John, Anna & Thomas Kent Anniversary

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Anna Kisich Anniversary

11:00 a.m. Lisa Ireton Levesque Memorial

Teresa & Salvatore Barba Memorial

Alfonso Barba, Pellagrino Russo Memorial



Please remember our sick, their families, and caregivers, in your prayers. May God's healing presence be with them.

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(U.S. Air Force)

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(U.S. Air Force)



Lance Corporal Robert Rudolph

(U.S. Marines Reserves)

Staff Sergeant Riley Higgins

(U. S. Army)

L Cpl Alexander J. Casey

(U.S. Marines)

Our prayers go out to all men and women who are serving our country may God protect them.

CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

PASTORAL STAFF

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Thank You for your Continued Support During this Difficult Time

Parishioner's donations for Dec.18th & Dec.19th

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\$.00 Due to early transmission, no data unavailable

If you have forgotten your envelope or are visiting, please use one of the yellow "Welcome" envelopes found in the information centers at the entrances of the church

Are you new to the Parish or just visiting

Welcome! Thank you for joining our parish in celebrating Mass. Whether you are visiting, or in the area for studies, or new to the community, please know that we are delighted to have you among us. We would like to meet you. Please say hello to any priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call 617-547-4880 or e-mail info@stjohncambridge.org
We are here to serve you!

This Week's Christmas Collection



This week, at all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

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Weekly Reflection

Every parent can relate to this Gospel. The thought of a child getting lost, no matter their age brings anxiety and stress! The relief of Mary and Joseph is palpable in this passage even though the 12-year-old Jesus acts surprised about his parents' concern. However, what is most important to glean from this gospel is the fact that upon returning to Nazareth, Jesus "was obedient to them; and. . . Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor." Their years together provided important time for growth for the Holy Family. The vocation of parents, grandparents and guardians is both rewarding and challenging. Take time to think about the example of the Holy Family and let them be a source of strength for you and for all families.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday	December 24th	2:00 p.m.
Friday	December 24th	4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve/Haitian Community

Friday	December 24th	7:00 p.m.
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Christmas Day

Saturday	December 25th	10:30 a.m.
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Holy Family

Sunday	December 26th	9:00 a.m.
		11:00 a.m.

Note Change: 12/31 is not a holy day of obligation

Mary, Mother of God & The Epiphany

Saturday	January 1st	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 2nd	9:00 a.m.
		11:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars!

Here is a quick list of upcoming events at St. John's to help you "mark your calendars"!

December:

- **Christmas Eve Mass**– Friday Dec 24th 2:00pm
And 4:00pm **Haitian Creole** 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day Mass**– Saturday Dec 25th 10:30 am
- Friday December 31 **No Mass** this is not Holy Day of Obligation.

January:

- **Sunday January 9th**– Lessons & Carols

Covid Testing Resumes

Covid testing will be available here at St. John's parish hall. Resumed December 1st
No appointment are needed. Walk-in are welcome

Testing: **Wednesdays only**
Time: **2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Location: **St. John the Evangelist Church**
2270 Massachusetts Ave.

The 2022 Calendars have arrived!



If you would like to pick up a free calendar for the 2022 year, they are located at all tables in the back of the Church. Thank you to **Keefe Funeral Homes** for providing these calendars. Enjoy!

TOYS FOR TOTS



The Cambridge Fire Department, United States Marine Corps, Caron and I, would like to THANK YOU again for your ongoing generosity and support of our 2021 annual Toys for Tots church donations collected this Christmas. Since 1947 over 600 million toys have been distributed to support 272 million children bringing them happiness and joy during this wonderful time of year.

God Bless
Merry Christmas
Caron and Bill Courier

From the Pandemic Response Team:

In the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021, and expires on January 17, 2022.

Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, should all wear masks except when they are speaking.

Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.

St. Vincent De Paul Boxes

You may have noticed the St. Vincent De Paul Boxes, located near the entrances and information centers of the church. The donations collected in these boxes go to those in our parish community, in need of services provided by St. Vincent De Paul Society. The St. Vincent De Paul Society of our Parish community is dependent on your generosity to help those in need.



Thank you to all who have humbly, quietly and faithfully contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity has kept food on tables and heat in homes of those without.

Food Donation



Thank you for your continued donations of **nonperishable** food items to local food pantries. These donations are ongoing and you can leave your items on the side porch of the rectory at any time.

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Pastor's Corner

On behalf of the Fr. Leclerc, the staff of Saint John's and all of our wonderful volunteers, I want to wish everyone a very merry and holy Christmas celebration and Season as we are drawn to the manger with shepherds and kings and everyone in between to greet the newborn Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is our hope that the Advent Season has encouraged hope and joy and that those gifts are realized in the celebration of Christmas. Matthew tells us that the birth of Jesus Christ came about through the power of the Holy Spirit and the humble willingness of Mary to acquiesce to the will of God in her life. We follow her example in this Season of Christmas by accepting those gifts from God which can increase our holiness and make us more willing to accept the blessings from God which are available to us every day in Jesus. May the spirit of Christmas and a sense of grateful generosity be alive in us each day of the year and may our practice of the presence of God available to us in the Holy Eucharist bring us closer to Christ.

Because our celebration of Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, we accept the happy coincidence of celebrating with the whole Church the Blessed and Holy Family of Jesus and Mary and Joseph on this same weekend. While we will not celebrate the Saturday vigil Mass, ordinarily prayed at 4:00p.m., we will celebrate Mass for the Holy Family on Sunday, December 26th at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. The celebration of the Holy Family is appropriately offered as juxtaposed with Christmas because it was the struggle, sacrifice and love of family that moved Mary and Joseph to accept the blessing of the Infant Jesus and to offer Him to the world. These three are a model for families of every shape and color all over the world as we try to negotiate what is at times a very difficult path toward God and love of one another.

We remember in a special way those families, and there are many of us, who have endured

hardship and even the death too soon of our loved ones. We pray for those families who long to have their sons and daughters returned to them safely from military service or other sacrificial work. We pray in a special way for those families who struggle with addiction and the deleterious outcomes of such and for those mothers and fathers whose children are alienated from them in any way. We ask for the grace and blessing of gratitude for those gifts from God which brings families closer together in recognition of the goodness of the practice of the faith and that the lessons gently taught by good and sacrificial parents will be carried on by grateful children. Jesus and Mary and Joseph give good example and hope to all families who live and love in the shadow of our Christmas celebration and we are thankful. Thanks and have a great week. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God Bless, Fr. Joe

A Christmas Prayer

*My precious Lord, Jesus,
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the
celebration of Your birth.*

*Your love for us is unfathomable,
it is glorious
transforming,
awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.*

*You chose to come and dwell among us,
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.*

*Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.*

Help me, dear Lord.

*to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.
Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor
shepherds.*

*Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.*

I love You, dear Lord Jesus.

Help me to love You with all my heart.

Newborn Savior of the World,

I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph,

Pray for me and for all.

Amen.

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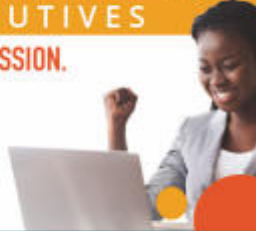
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