



St. Patrick's Parish

**82 High Street
Wareham**

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm
(10am live streamed on FB or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAgbkRTUAYKJHuZd2AJUfsw>)

Reconciliation Saturday 3-3:30pm
or by appointment



St. Anthony Chapel

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Mass Time

Sunday 9am

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Daily Mass Times

St. Patrick's
Daily Mass Monday—Saturday 8am

Mass Scheduling—Currently we are booking masses up to three months in advance. The mass stipend is \$10, preferably due at the time of scheduling your mass. The mass book will open December 1 through March.

Call the Rectory, 508-295-2411, if you have homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Divine Mercy—Every First Sunday of the month at 1:30pm in the Church.

Confessions—Saturday 3-3:30pm. Please be on time since we also will be preparing for mass. Please continue to wear your mask in the confessional.



Eucharistic Adoration—Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful means of asking our Lord's intercession. Have absolute confidence and trust in the power of His love to bring peace to all. Adoration is **7 days a week, 24 hours a day!** Adoration is in the Prayer Chapel in the basement of the Parish Hall.

Are You Registered?—If you do not receive mailings from the parish, it means you are not registered. If you are new, we welcome you! Please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration form! If you have moved, married, or made changes, please notify us so we can make the appropriate changes.

Address Changes—If you have moved or changed your address or phone number for any reason, please notify the Parish Office so our records are updated.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)—Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic? Or wish to complete your sacraments of initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Please contact Deacon David in the Faith Formation Office at 508-295-0780 or email davidmurphy@stpatrickswareham.org for more information.

Marriage—If you are interested in the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office and speak to Fr. Antonio at least six months prior to the wedding.

Baptism—please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are held during masses on the third weekend of each month or privately. Any child 7 or older cannot be baptized in the same manner as a baby. This must be addressed at your meeting. **Currently due to Covid 19, all baptisms are held outside of mass.**

Divorced Ministry—Divorced Support Group meets the third Sunday of every month at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

Mass Intentions

ST. PATRICK: Week of December 5
SAT 4pm Jean Giannelli
SUN 8am For the People of Our Parish
10am Carmel Banfield Franciosa
12pm Ruby Zine
MON 8am Guy Tesoro
TUE 8am Vincent Tesoro
4pm Eleanor Nicolau
WED 8am Gerry Goldstein
12:05pm
7pm Eleanor Nicolau
THU 8am Betty Ouellette and Timothy Silva
FRI 8am Mary Tesoro
SAT 8am For the Intentions of the DiSpigna Family
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of December 12
SAT 4pm Dina and Anibal Cosquete
SUN 8am For the People of Our Parish
10am Adeline Fernandes
12pm Natalia Silva
ST. ANTHONY: Week of December 5
SUN 9am Bernice and Gary Frederici
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of December 12
SUN 9am Almon Westgate

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

Hear the Voice of the Lord

December 5, 2021

We live in an age of hashtags, sound bites, and blogs and in a world of competing viewpoints and clamoring voices. It can sometimes be difficult to discern what is really worthy of our attention. This is especially true in days when partisan politics dominates our newsfeeds, and we try to make sense of senseless acts of violence and terror on so many fronts. It's easy to place blame, make excuses, and dig into our ideological trenches, all too often losing sight of the many goods — and lives — that are sacrificed on the altars of partisanship and policy.

There is a real danger in all of this: if we settle for the mediocrity of sound bites and half-truths, without seeking to discern what is truly important, we run the risk of losing sight of the hopes and promises that can only find fulfillment in a life committed to Christ. While we may not often think of it in this way, Advent is a season of discernment. We're reminded of this in the second reading for this Sunday as we hear St. Paul's words to the Philippians: "This is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ" (Phil 1:9-10).

Building on this theme, the words of the prophet Baruch and the clarion call of John the Baptist that we hear this Sunday remind us of what it is we are called to be and do. The Baptist's cry to "prepare the way for the Lord" is a charge to discern the Lord's voice calling out to us in the midst of the noise and clamor that fills our daily lives and to persevere in the way of faith. This truth prompted the priest Origen to ask: "Is it not a way within ourselves that we have to prepare for the Lord? Is it not a straight and level highway in our hearts that we are to make ready? Surely this is the way by which the Word of God enters ... Prepare a way for the Lord by living a good life and guard that way by good works. Let the Word of God move in you unhindered and give you a knowledge of his coming and of his mysteries."

Hearing the voice of the Lord in the distance demands action, but this isn't only an invitation to turn away from personal choices and sins that may limit or even prevent God's coming among us. John is also calling us to turn toward God's mercy. And this turning — conversion — isn't only about what we give up, it is really about accepting the gift that we are being offered. This is why Pope Francis has reflected, "Let us ask ourselves: is it true that in the various situations and circumstances of life, we have within us the same feelings that Jesus has? Is it true that we feel as Christ feels ... We must always convert and have the sentiments that Jesus had."

In the liturgy for this Second Sunday of Advent, we are being reminded that these days of Advent demand our attention and intentionality. It is only by seeking the stillness and quiet — leaving behind the hashtags and sound bites — that we can discern the distant voice of the Coming One who brings the mercy and peace which our world so desperately needs.

Br. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

Stewardship Report

Second Sunday of Advent—Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

Sunday, November 29, 2021

Cash	\$ 1,423.00
Checks	\$ 2,916.50
Mail ins	\$ 682.00
Total	\$ 5,021.50

PRAYER

May the splendor of your glory dawn in our hearts,
 we pray, almighty God,
 that all shadows of the night may be scattered
 and we may be shown to be children of light
 by the advent of your Only Begotten Son.
 Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

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
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



Receiving Communion—As a reminder, communion will continue to be in the hand only



Looking for that special gift? How about a gift of prayer? **St. Patrick's Prayer Shawl Ministry** is actively making shawls, the outward sign, knit with much prayer, the true gift. Interested in joining? We meet every other Saturday at 1 pm in the basement of the Parish Hall.

Call Jane Mansfield at 508-395-3663 for information on shawls or joining.

CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH—Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, beginning December 8, 2020, and ending December 8, 2021, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. On December 8, at 7 pm during the Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception we will have a special moment dedicated to Saint Joseph. The men of St. Joseph invite everyone to participate and after the Mass all are invited to light refreshments in our parish hall. Come and honor St. Joseph and find out more about the Men of St. Joseph.

Holy Day of Obligation—Wednesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be as follows:

Tuesday, December 7, 4pm Vigil
 Wednesday, December 8
 8am, 12:05pm, and 7pm

Retired Religious Collection—December 12 is the Diocesan collection for the Retired Religious. Please try and be a generous as you can. This is the only means many of our religious have to support themselves in their retirement years.

Third Order Franciscans—The December Secular Franciscan meeting will be Monday, December 13, at 6pm at the parish hall...All are welcome.

New Bedford Deanery Advent Penance Service—The New Bedford Deanery priests are hosting an Advent Penance Service at 6:30PM on December 14th at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Various priests from the area will be available for Confession, a sure way to prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts this Advent Season.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedules

Friday, December 24, Christmas Vigil
 4pm, 6pm
 St. Anthony's—4:30pm
Saturday, December 25
 12am Midnight Mass
 10am

Friday, December 31—4pm St. Patrick's only
Saturday, January 1
 8am and 10am

Advent Penance Service
 Wednesday, December 15, 7pm

Assessment Collection—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **November 28** is our next collection for the Assessment. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

KofC Breakfast—The monthly Sunday breakfast is December 12, in the Parish Hall. A free-will offering supports the Knights' charitable events.

Sanctuary Lamp—If you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle lit in someone's memory, please contact the parish office. The Sanctuary this week is in memory of Robert Sylvester, Sr.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter—To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7-9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Sign up today to prepare your marriage to follow the Lord by attending one on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

Bereavement Support—The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Spring. These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays. The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follows: 4:30pm—<https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4> or 7pm—<https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>. In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 or 774-253-4097 or by email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org.

Bishop Stang—will administer the High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Saturdays, December 4 and 11, from 8-11:30am. Incoming 9th grade applicants may choose either date. Merit scholarship incentives are available. Pre-Registration is required as walk-in cannot be accommodated this year, bishopstang.org.

Christmas Flower Envelopes—were mailed with the Advent letter. If you would like your loved ones remembered, please put their name(s) on the envelope and return as soon as possible. Any flower remembrances will be published in the bulletin.



Second Sunday of Advent—The readings for the Second Sunday of Advent focus on John the Baptist. He stands in the desert, roughly clothed, ascetic, stark, preaching a message of power. The One is coming, he says, Repent!

John the Baptist is not the only saint we celebrate during Advent. The calendar is full of holy men and women who, like John, call us to conversion and hope through the most powerful witness of all: their lives:

St. Nicholas, December 6
 St. Juan Diego, December 9
 Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12
 St. Lucy, December 13

Lord Jesus, I hear the call of John the Baptist. I come to You in sorry for my sins, open to Your grace.

THE SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR BOTH DECEMBER 25/26 AND JANUARY 1/2 WILL REMAIN AS USUAL. THERE WILL BE A 4PM MASS ON THESE WEEKENDS THAT COVERS THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION ONLY.



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