



## 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

35 Gault Road  
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Mass Time

Sunday 9am

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**Rev. Antonio L. da Silva, S.D.V., Pastor**  
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**Deacon David Murphy, Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation Director**  
**Maureen Lindquist, Office Manager**

**Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8am-4pm, closed 12-1pm**

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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 is now open 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](mailto: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 12**  
**SAT 4pm** Dina and Anibal Cosquete  
**SUN 8am** For the People of Our Parish  
**10am** Adeline Fernandes  
**12pm** Natalia Silva  
**MON 8am** Paula Kingsbury  
**TUE 8am** Maria and Antonio Carreiro  
**WED 8am** Angie Tullio  
**THU 8am** Maurice Guay  
**FRI 8am** Charlie Littlefield II  
**SAT 8am** Donald L'Homme, Sr.  
**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of December 19**  
**SAT 4pm** Joseph and James Gonsalves  
**SUN 8am** Dina and Anibal Cosquete and Family  
**10am** Robert Sylvester  
**12pm** For the People of Our Parish  
**ST. ANTHONY: Week of December 12**  
**SUN 9am** Almon Westgate  
**NEXT WEEKEND: Week of December 19**  
**SUN 9am** Remo Tassinari and Gerry Gifford

**Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent  
 December 12, 2021**

“Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!” “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” These words from the Prophet Zephaniah and the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians frame the festive call of Gaudete Sunday. Pausing to rejoice may seem a bit of a challenge to some. We all grapple with life at times. These struggles can be so overwhelming and intense that they rob us of joy and a sense of peaceful wellbeing. Personal, corporate, familial, ecclesial, and social conflicts are all too plentiful. We are constantly bumping elbows with our weaknesses and sinfulness as well as those of the world. Our sad, painful cries reveal our incompleteness. But, if we listen carefully, we can hear God’s call to peace, to move beyond and heal the sadness and journey to a better place. We yearn for this but are not always clear as to how it can be achieved. God is constantly beckoning us to grow and change. Is this not the message of Christ? In Christ, God reveals incredible things about who He is and who we are. Life’s eternal destiny is made known. He is with us and brightens the often dark recesses of human hearts. We have to see ourselves in Christ. The source of hope, life, love, faith, and meaning has been revealed. However, accepting God’s invitation stretches us a bit. We have to leave old and static ways behind and search for something new. We can even experience discomfort and anxiety as we move and change. Growing pains are more than physical. We do not need to look far for pain and heartache. Our mirrors reveal a good measure of it. Our world cries as inflation soars, food banks struggle to feed the hungry, the pandemic lingers, political corruption abounds, racial injustice persists, and our borders remain unwelcome places of conflict.

Where is God’s invitation being revealed in all that is happening within and without? In short, a deep life of faith assures us that no matter what or where life brings us, God is still working. We will not fall apart or into despair! Human nature leads us to believe that any experience of joy is deferrable to some future time when sadness, stress, disharmony, and discontent are no more. Believing this to be true, we find ourselves waiting for the day when the lion can actually peacefully lay down with the lamb. Until then, we cling to our misery and apathy. We convince ourselves that we are victims and hence, powerless. Today, however, we are reminded to rejoice in the Lord “always!” We have to open a path to it now, amid unsettling and disturbing situations, and not defer it to the future. We are not finished but are all works in progress. We are all on the path to fulfillment and redemption, an assurance revealed to us in the Birth of Christ. Discord and suffering are a part of life and often cannot be controlled. But we fail to see that what we ultimately seek is something we already have! Do we not want the faith that brings the assurance that God has things in His care? Do we not wish to have a love that allows us to see the beauty and goodness that abounds, even amid heartache and despair? Do we not desire to possess the hope that God will bring us to the oneness of His Kingdom where all is fulfilled in the blessed presence of Christ? This is why we rejoice today. What we seek has already been given to us in Christ. When we journey with our friends of faith, hope, and love, then even in the midst of darkness and uncertainty, we will experience joy! This is not something we can earn. It is a pure and unconditional gift. God’s perfect gift was revealed to us in the birth of Christ. That same gift can be born again in each of us. This is the miracle of Christmas. Our celebration today makes perfect sense. Look above and beyond whatever is unsettling, disturbing, or hurtful. Leave the fear, uncertainty, and anxiety aside, and see God’s truth and the truth of who you are. Rejoice! Forget about what happens tomorrow. Deal only with today. Control what you can and depart from what you cannot. Faith, hope, and love, are within you. They are His gift. There are no requirements to earn them. Accept them as God’s loving blessing. Rejoice that Someone as beautiful and magnificent as God thinks so highly of you! *Fr. Mark Suslenko*

**Stewardship Report**

**Third Sunday of Advent**—Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has good should do the same.”

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Cash	\$ 1,823.00
Checks	\$ 3,621.50
Mail ins	\$ 898.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,342.50</b>

**PRAYER**

Open your heart to receive the gift of joy!  
 God has something wonderful, inspiring and exciting for you to do.

*Pray with St. Francis:  
 “Most high and glorious God,  
 lighten the darkness of my heart  
 and give me sound faith, firm hope and perfect love.  
 Let me, Lord, have right feelings and knowledge,  
 so that I can carry out the task that you have given me in truth.”  
 Christ is born within you.  
 You are forever changed.  
 Rejoice!  
 Amen.*

**Readings for the week of December 12, 2021**

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**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.

**Retired Religious Collection**—December 12 is the Diocesan collection for the Retired Religious. Please try and be as 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

**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—December 25 for the Feast of the Holy Family and January 1 for Epiphany— THAT COVERS THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION ONLY.**

**Advent Penance Service**—Please join us on Wednesday, December 15, at 7pm in the church for our Advent Penance Service. Advent resounds with the theme of reconciliation and the call to repentance. That call is not about dwelling on our sins and being even more burdened by them, but the opposite: bringing them to God in sorrow and hope for forgiveness.

**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.

**Assessment Collection**—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **December 26** 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 Donald L'Homme, 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://www.wmema.org/>. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Take time for your marriage by participating in 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](mailto:rsaraiva@cssdioc.org).



**Third Sunday of Advent**—Rejoice! The third week of Advent begins with Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, meaning "rejoice," is the first word of the opening antiphone for the Mass on this day: Gaudete in Domino simpier (Rejoice in the Lord always). The joy of Gaudete Sunday shows in the use of rose as the liturgical color—for example, on the Advent wreath and the priest's vestments.

The gospel readings for this Sunday reveal to use the reason for our joy: the identity of Jesus. He is the Word made flesh, the Christ, the Son of the living God.

*Lord, I rejoice at the Good News of Your coming. Make my heart ready..*

**The "O" Antiphons**—From December 17—23, the "O Antiphons" are chanted during Vespers (evening prayer) in the Liturgy of the Hours. The titles of Jesus used in the antiphons are all titles of the Messiah, rooted in the prophecies of Isaiah. Easily incorporated into individual or family prayer, they are the most important of the Church's unique prayers during these days.

*December 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)*

*December 18: O Adonai (O Anonai)*

*December 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)*

*December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David)*

*December 21: O Oriens (O Morning Star)*

*December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)*

*December 23: O Emmanuel (O Emmanuel)*



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