



OUR MISSION

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church is a family of believers in Christ. As sacramental people, filled with God's love, we strive to provide a welcoming community, supporting one another on our journey to salvation. We are committed to each other in a spirit of compassion and love while promoting hope, healing and evangelization in our midst.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00AM

Sacrament of Baptism

1st Sunday of the Month, Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 P.M. or by calling the Rectory for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance.

Co-Pastors: Fr. Paul Bernier
Fr. Christopher Peschel

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paula Brown

Music Director: Mr. Scott Simpkin



Saturday December 12, 2020
4:00 PM Mary Agnus & Thomas Henry
 (Colleen Polselli)

Sunday December 13, 2020
8:00AM Ryan Pavao (Family)
10:00AM Bob Condon (Claire Sullivan)
 Arlene Monarch;
 Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Monday December 14, 2020
 ~ *St. John of the Cross*
8:00 AM Albert & Laetitia Petit

Tuesday December 15, 2020
8:00 AM John J. Buckley

No Mass on Wednesday

Thursday December 17, 2020
8:00 AM Gert Kupiec (Joanne O' Leary)

Saturday December 19, 2020
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday December 20, 2020
8:00AM Barry Beaulieu (Family)
 Michael & Manuela Orlando

10:00AM Eleanore & Arthur McDonald
 (Daughter)
 Gerry Boucher (Family)
 Thomas Coasta (Family)
 Kevin Sousa (Godmother)

**We have opened up the 2021 Mass Book.
 Please contact the rectory to book your
 Masses.**

**We also have the Sanctuary Candle and the
 Candle at the Foot of Mary available.**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Burns this week

Kevin Sousa



November 30.....\$2,397.00

November Online Donations \$1,324.68

December 6.....\$2,866.00

**May God Bless you for generosity, thank you
 for your continued support!!**

*Kindly take a moment to pray for the
 intentions, the welfare, the healing and
 salvation of...*

**Betty Zuber,
 Michael Marchand, Shawny Smith, Linda,
 Richard, Ken, Thomas Marques, Ray Richard,
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 Fralic, Mary Alice Fast, Bob Da Silva, Bob Condon,
 Mike Coleman, Holly Rodrigues, Pat Beland,
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 Paul Desmarais, Randy Carvalho, and
 Our Service Men and Women**

***THE CANDLE
 at the***

***Statue of The Sacred Heart
 is perpetually burning in memory of***

Sarah Valentine



Once again a special **Thank You** to **Jack's Landscap'n** for donating the beautiful wreaths you see on the Church and the Religious Education Center.



What a success!!! The Women's Guild "**Holiday Fundraiser**" **Gift Card Tree raffle** was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated in this year's holiday fundraiser.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GIFT CARD TREE RAFFLE WINNERS!

\$500.00 - Mark & Julia Atwood
\$380.00 - Carol Coutinho
\$280.00 - Irene & Albert West
\$200.00 - D. Cabral
\$130.00 - Brian Doyle

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the members of the Women's Guild who so generously donated enough gift cards for us to be able to raffle off five trees.

Bishop da Cunha's 2020 Christmas Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas is upon us, although seemingly a bit different this year. Because of the pandemic, many of us will not be celebrating in the ways we typically associate with Christmas - large family gatherings, holiday parties, seasonal concerts, and caroling.

However, I firmly believe that this can be a very special Christmas with less emphasis on many of the external and social dimensions of the season. What we have instead is an opportunity to focus more on the spiritual aspect—the true meaning of Christmas: the coming of Christ into our lives and into our world. So my prayer and hope for each one of you is that, as you celebrate Christmas this year - as family, as friends, as a community of faith - Jesus will be at the center of all that you do, the purpose for all you do and give meaning to all you do. Let us put Jesus back into Christmas, and as the saying goes, make Jesus truly the "reason for the season".

This year, more than ever before, is a time to remember the blessing of the Octave of Christmas. The Catholic Church does not keep the celebration of Christmas to December 25th only. Christmas is celebrated over eight days, from Christmas Day to January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. What a marvelous opportunity to embrace the joy of the season, allowing the Light of Christ to dispel the darkness of the past nine months. Just as I did during Advent, I again encourage you as a family to place Christ at the center of your celebrations.

To all of us in the Diocese of Fall River, may the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace, fill us with a new peace, one that only He can give. Let us embrace not only His peace, but the joy of this season. I believe we will get through all the challenges ahead of us with the Lord's help. In His presence, in His grace, we'll reach a unique place this year where we can truly say that Christmas is about Christ.

May the peace, hope, and joy of this season be with us now and remain with us far beyond this Christmas. May these gifts, that only God can bestow upon us, reign in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world. May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed, and Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas! Feliz Natal! Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noël!

WINTER REMINDER

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS

WILL BE CANCELLED IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED and/or DELAYED IN WESTPORT DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

***Schools will not be actually cancelling school, as they will be remote on Snow Days; which means we will not have Mass on those days.**

**THE CANDLE at the
FOOT OF MARY**

is burning this week in memory of

Arlene Monarch



**OUR PARISH GIVING TREE
TRADITION**



The deadline for the gifts is this Sunday, December 13th, as they are picking them up on the 14th.

Cardinal Medeiros Residence

Please place Monetary Donations in the Collection Basket, marked Cardinal Medeiros.

Westport Friends Helping Friends – Please place Lees Gift Cards or Monetary donations in collection basket, marked, Westport Friends

Monetary donations can also be made online by visiting our website.

THANK YOU your donations will brighten the lives of many; even more this year.

Once again, we would like to thank ***Potter Funeral Services*** for donating our **2021 Calendars**. They are available at the entrance of the church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes for Christmas altar flower donations are included with your budget envelopes. Please write the name of the person to be remembered clearly and return by **December 20th**.

If you are not attending Mass at this time, please contact the rectory if you are interested in making a donation.

The memorial list will be posted online and at the entrance of the church.



Westport Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

**2:00 PM - St. John the Baptist*

**2:00 PM - St. George*

**Early Mass Time Dispensation from Bishop daCunha for 2020*

4:00 PM - St. John the Baptist

5:00 PM - Our Lady of Grace (Hall)

5:30 PM - St. George

10:00 PM - St. John the Baptist

*12:00 (Midnight) - Our Lady of Grace
(Church)*

Christmas Day

8:30 AM - St. George

9:30 AM - St. John the Baptist

10:00 AM - Our Lady of Grace (Church)

10:30 AM - St. George

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