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## The Roman Catholic Parish of

# St. John Vianney

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## THE HOLY FAMILY

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

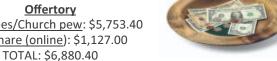
Website: stjohnvianneyparish.net

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## Parish Financial Stewardship

## for the weekend of December 11/12 Offertory

Envelopes/Church pew: \$5,753.40 WeShare (online): \$1,127.00



WeShare total collected from 31 parishioners. Retired Religious Collection: \$1,470.81



January 1: Initial Offering (all proceeds remain in the parish to defray the cost of offertory envelope printing)

Solemnity of Mary (all proceeds remain within the parish)

January 9: Winter Collection (all proceeds remain in the parish to assist with heating)

January 23: Latin American Missions (all proceeds sent away to support the work of the Church in Latin American)





## WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260 https://stjohnvianneyparish.weshareonline.org

## PARISH INFORMATION Pastor: Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office anytime. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, please call ahead.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available during monthly Holy Hour (2-3pm every third Sunday of the month) or by appointment — please call the Parish Office at 834-5656.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Barb Pelletier at 834-3984 to complete registration and to sign up for Baptism Preparation. We have moved to Online Baptism Preparation. Pre-registration is required, if more than 5 years since your last child you fall in that category too!

#### **SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION** Please contact Barb at 834-3984.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA/C)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Barb Pelletier at 834-3984.

## VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 207-773-6471 www.portlanddiocese/vocations; Facebook: VocationsME

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:

Upcoming training will be offered from 9am-12pm at the Faith Formation Center on Pleasant Street in Fort Kent: on January 8, 2022. Please call Barb to register at 834-3984. Pre-registration is required. This training is free and open to the public. FMI, please visit the Diocese of Portland, Office of Safe Environment.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone who needs the power of prayer in their lives? You can have them put on the prayer chain by calling 834-3222 or 834-5487.



Join us for mass on TV or online: Saturdays at 4pm & re-aired Sundays at 8am & 2pm Tune in to WFKTV-4 cable Channel 8 (1301) or visit the "WFKTV-4" YouTube channel. Special thanks to the Channel 4 camera crew: Chaz, Danny & Don.

Please note upcoming deadline for bulletin submissions: By 8am on <u>Wednesday, December 29</u> for the weekend of <u>January</u> 9. Please submit your request via email to the editor: SJVPbulletineditor@portlanddiocese.org

**HOLY HOUR: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION &** BENEDICTION AT ST. LOUIS CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 FROM 2PM TO 3PM (CONFESSION ALSO AVAILABLE) ST. CHARLES CHURCH HOLY HOUR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 FROM 3PM TO 4PM



#### **Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Rosary: Before mass on Wednesday (7am) and Saturday (4pm) at St. Louis Church. Before mass on Saturday (6pm) at St. Charles Church. **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** 

Wednesdays after 7am mass at St. Louis.



#### MASS SCHEDULE & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

## Saturday, December 25, 2021—The Nativity of the Lord

9am (St. Louis Church) Deceased Family Members by Keith & Patty Michaud & Family

4pm (St. Louis Church) Memorial Mass by Parishioners

6pm (St. Charles Church) Morgan Pelletier by the Martins

## Sunday, December 26, 2021

9am (St. Louis Church) Reginald & Janelle Madore by Judy & Roland

11am (St. Mary Church) Paul Martin—1st Anniversary by Rita & Family

5pm (St. Joseph Church) For the People of the Parish by Pastor

### Monday, December 27, 2021

9am (St. Charles Church) Improvement of Health for Benita Dionne by the Martin Family

## Tuesday, December 28, 2021

1pm (St. Mary Church) Zilda Madore by Fort Kent Columbiettes

2pm (Mercy Home Chapel) St. Anthony, a favor obtained by a parishioner

## Wednesday, December 29, 2021

7am (St. Louis Church) Yvette Madore by Roger & Juanita Belanger

## Thursday, December 30, 2021

4pm (St. Louis Church) Angel & Jean-Guy Bonenfant by Julie, Cory & Family

## Friday, December 31, 2021

4pm (St. Charles Church) Lloyd McPherson by Roy & Babe

4pm (St. Louis Church) Alfreda Dumond by Granddaughter, Stacy

4pm (St. Mary Church) Leonard & Priscille Fournier by Frank, Donna, Keith & Kelsey

6pm (St. Joseph Church) For the People of the Parish by the Pastor

## Saturday, January 1, 2022

9am (St. Louis Church) Gil Dubois by Joel Plourde

4pm (St. Louis Church) Gladys Gagnon by Keith & Patty Michaud & Family

6pm (St. Charles Church) Dana Caron by Lance & Pauline Martin

## Sunday, January 2, 2022

9am (St. Louis Church) Recovery of Health of a Special Infant by Brenda & Larry Plourde 11am (St. Mary Church) Barney Pelletier—1st Anniversary by Theresa, Holly & Jason 5pm (St. Joseph Church) For the People of the Parish by the Pastor

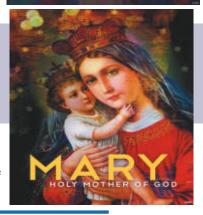
# Understanding Holy Days of Obligations & Sunday/Weekend Obligations

By common agreement among the bishops of the Province of Boston (ME, NH, VT, MA), Catholics once again are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation as of June 20, 2021.

- <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 25–Christmas</u>. Masses celebrated on Saturday evening, December 25, must use the Mass texts and readings for Christmas. Individuals can fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas anytime from the evening of Friday, December 24, through the evening of Saturday, December 25. Individuals can fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, December 26, anytime from the evening of Saturday, December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity), through Sunday evening, December 26. Individuals must satisfy both obligations, one to attend Mass for Christmas, and another to attend Mass for Sunday.
- In 2022, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, falls on a Saturday. By decision of the USCCB, there is <u>no obligation</u> to attend Mass on January 1 when it occurs on a Saturday or on a Monday.

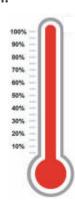
**Merry Christmas** 

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# Parish raises \$40,304.00 in Offertory Recovery Campaign.

On October 13, 2020 Parishioners' of St. John Vianney Parish were invited to engage in their life of faith. Parish offertory had declined by 12.47% and thus the Parish Offertory Campaign was launched with a goal of \$39,333.00. Your overwhelming response is a living example of the way you live the Gospel truth in your daily life. Thank you for your generous support and encouragement.



## Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

Latest Recommendations from the Office of Communication

## **Mask Notice**

In the light of increasing COVID-19 transmission in nearly all counties in Maine, Bishop Deeley is directing parishes to strongly urge all persons attending Mass to wear a mask for their own protection. This is not a mandate.

## It is strongly urged.

## Vaccination and the Catholic Church Information

The Diocese of Portland is providing a number of different resources to explain the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as an act of protecting and preserving the common good. To view the resources, visit <a href="https://www.portlanddiocese.org/BacktoMassResources">www.portlanddiocese.org/BacktoMassResources</a>.

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES

## Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or

3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

<u>Tuesday</u>: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

<u>Wednesday</u>: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

<u>Saturday</u>: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World

Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church ©LP



2022 offertory envelopes are in and available to be picked up at your church locations. Some numbers have changed, so please be sure to grab the right envelopes. Interested in using offertory envelopes, please contact the parish office.



For recovery of health of a special infant by
Larry & Brenda Plourde



Saylor Reid Smith,

son of Thomas Richard & Kayla

Lee (Pelletier) Smith received the sacrament of baptism at St. Louis Church on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Congratulations!

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

The St. Charles Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Marcel & Kathleen Ouellette* at the request of Children.

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of

**Thomas Gagnon** 

at the request of Claude & Connie Belanger.

The St. Louis Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Leonard & Priscille Fournier

at the request of Frank, Donna, Keith & Kelsey.

The St. Mary Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Hampy Pelletier* 

at the request of May and Ken.

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IF INTERESTED CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 834-5656

**NOTE:** mass times in red are corrections

St. John Vianney Parish JOIN US FOR NEW YEAR'S MASS

New Year's Eve:

St. Louis Church 4:00 pm St. Mary's Church 4:00 pm

St. Charles Church 4:00 pm

St. Joseph Church 6:00 pm

New Year's Day: St. Louis Church 9:00 am

Gift certificates to the Good Shepherd are available at the parish

office. Please stop by if you are interested in giving a certificate as a gift this holiday season.



## MEMORIAL CANDLES

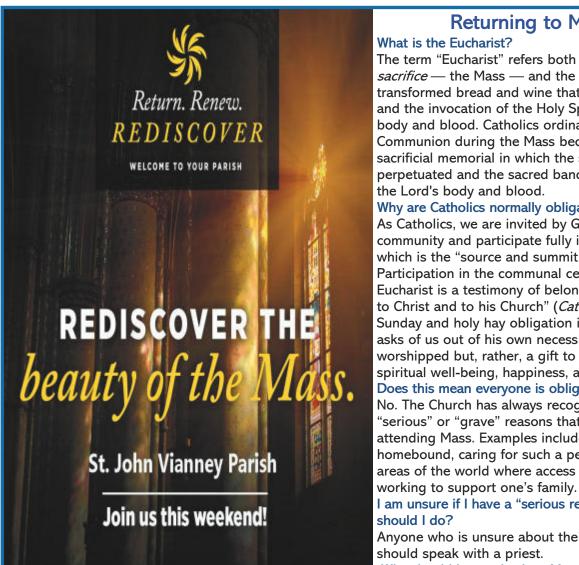
The Blessed Mother Candle burns this week at St. Louis Church for *a favor obtained* at the request of Rita & Ray Bouchard.

The Blessed Mother Candle burns this week at St. Mary Church for

**Recovery of Health of a Special Infant** at the request of Brenda & Larry Plourde.

The St. John Vianney Candle burns this week at St. Louis Church in memory of Lawrence Ouellette

at the request of Charles & Priscilla Luchetti.



## Returning to Mass FAQs

### What is the Eucharist?

The term "Eucharist" refers both to the *eucharistic* sacrifice — the Mass — and the sacramentally transformed bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's body and blood. Catholics ordinarily receive holy Communion during the Mass because the Mass is both the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood.

Why are Catholics normally obligated to attend Mass? As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life." Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church" (Catechism no. 2182). The Sunday and holy hay obligation is not something God asks of us out of his own necessity or need to be worshipped but, rather, a gift to the faithful for our own spiritual well-being, happiness, and eternal salvation. Does this mean everyone is obligated to go to Mass again? No. The Church has always recognized that there are "serious" or "grave" reasons that prevent Catholics from attending Mass. Examples include if a person is sick or homebound, caring for such a person, living in or visiting areas of the world where access to Mass is impossible, or

I am unsure if I have a "serious reason" to stay home, what should I do?

Anyone who is unsure about their personal situation should speak with a priest.

Why should I come back to Mass after many years?

Perhaps you have been away from the church for a short while or a long while. The reason you are thinking about coming back is because you have come to realize that material things do not bring peace and fulfillment. You have been feeling a pull inside you, hearing a little voice beckoning for you to turn back to the Lord and rejoin the Catholic Church. These are the urgings of the Holy Spirit. We pray that God might provide wisdom and judgment to those considering a return to the Catholic Church and give them the strength to act upon the results of their discernment. What do I need to do to come to Mass?

Anyone, whether practicing Catholic, inactive Catholic, ex-Catholic, other Christian, or someone not in a church, is welcome to come to Mass. For those who have been away from the Catholic Church or have not participated in Catholic worship, attending Mass is a very spiritual insight into the Catholic faith. All are welcome! What do I need to do to return to the sacraments (receive holy Communion)?

We should start with the assumption that you have received formation and have received the sacraments of penance and Eucharist (holy Communion). If not, then sacramental preparation would be needed prior to receiving those sacraments. Being away from the practice of your Catholic faith would normally mean that to return to the Communion table one would have to go to confession first. In any event, attending Mass and participating in any of the other rich fare offered by the Church is highly recommended. In many cases, a valid confession would be the only step necessary to begin receiving holy Communion again. The best advice would be to contact your parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest to discuss your specific situation.

## What do I need to do about a marriage outside the Church?

If you have married outside the Catholic Church, there are many factors that will determine what will need to happen for you to have your current marriage recognized by the Church and be able to return to the reception of the sacraments such as holy Communion. None of this stands in the way of attending Mass and participating in any of the other worship, educational offerings, or social opportunities offered by the Church. Because of the many possible scenarios, the best advice would be to contact your parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest to discuss your specific situation.

## Christmas the Birth of Jesus T'was the night before Christmas God glanced over the Earth, He looked to and fro all over its girth. They missed it again he said with a sigh, A heavy heart and a tear in his eye. I gave them my son so they could be free, My greatest gift to them from me. They traded me in for a man in red, A little tree, and a horse drawn sled. How do I save them and make them see, My love is complete, my grace is free. How do I help them when all they know, Is a talking snowman and a box with a bow. Maybe next year they will stop and see, The biggest gift of Christmas is the little child from me. Let us never forget, Jesus is the reason for the season!

## **2021 Christmas Giving Tree**

The St. John Vianney Parish along with the Social Justice and Peace Commission would like to thank everyone who made donations to fund the commissions 2021 Christmas Giving Tree Project. The project received over \$5,700.00 in donations. Your generosity is truly amazing! The Giving Tree Project was able to provide gifts for 231 recipients, 115 of which were children, throughout our parish area.

**Author Unknown** 



St. John Vianney Parish would like to thank the Social Justice and Peace Commission and all its elves for making this project such a success. Your thoughtfulness, creativity, time and energy are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

#### **Donations & Memorial Offerings**

Donations were made to offertory recovery in memory of Robby Nadeau and Gerard Pelletier by Jon & Patti Voisine. Donations were made to the St. Charles Food Pantry in memory of Gerard Pelletier and Travis Toussaint by Mary Ann Bessey. A donation was made in memory of Linda Morin by Andrew Morin. A donation was made in memory of Cecile Paradis by Kirk and Sharon Paradis. An anonymous donation was made in memory of Jesse A. Bouchard.

### **NOTICE:**

Volunteer church cleaners needed on Monday mornings at St. Louis Church. If interested please contact the parish office at 834-5656.



Good Shepherd Donation Drop Box is accepting donations during its operating hours of Good Shepherd Ministry. Please drop off clean and gently used items. Also, please close boxes and tie bags closed. Thank you!

## Social Justice & Peace Commission

Our Parish's Social Justice & Peace members hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on December 15, 2021 at the **Knights of Columbus** Hall in Fort Kent. The drive was almost full and we collected a record **75 units** of blood! We thank those who volunteered their time organizing and staffing the drive: Laura Audibert, Colette Bouchard, Lucille Loder, Louise Marquis, Peter Saucier, Joan Thibodeau & Uchizi. Also, thank you to the Knights for allowing us to use the hall and keeping it sanitized during the drive.

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