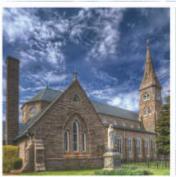


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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. (English) St. Mary's Cathedral 4:00 p.m. (English) Good Shepherd Church

7:00 p.m. (English) Good Shepherd Church 7:00 p.m. (Brazilian Community) St. Mary's Cathedral

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. (English) St. Stanislaus Church 10:00 a.m. (bilingual) Good Shepherd Church 10:30 a.m. (English) St. Mary's Cathedral 1:00 p.m. (Spanish) St. Mary's Cathedral 6:00 p.m. (Youth Mass) St. Stanislaus Church

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon St. Mary's Cathedral

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Saturday, December 25:

9:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)

10:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd-bilingual) 10:30 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Sunday, December 26:

9.00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)

10:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd-bilingual) 10:30 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral) 1:00 p.m. (St. Mary's—Spanish)

6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Monday, December 27:

12:00 noon (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Tuesday, December 28:

12:00 noon (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Wednesday, December 29:

12:00 noon (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Thursday, December 30:

12:00 noon. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Friday, December .31:

12:00 noon

Saturday, January 1:

9:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Saturday, January 1:

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7:00 p.m. (Brazilian)

Sunday, January 2:

9.00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)

10:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd-bilingual) 10:30 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral) 1:00 p.m. (St. Mary's—Spanish)

6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

The Nativity of the Lord

For all parishioners of the Collaborative parishes For all parishioners of the Collaborative parishes For all parishioners of the Collaborative parishes

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Orzechowski and Perry families

Alvaro Rego and family

Jose and Maria De Lourdes Oliveira

For the sick in hospitals and nursing facilities For the youth of our Collaborative parishes

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Manuel (Frank) Gervasio

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

For the Souls in Purgatory Lelita Javier: requested by the family

Fifth day of the Octave of the Lord Sheila Washburn

Timothy Mitchell

Sixth day of the Octave of the Lord

Julia Kingston

For all parishioners of the Collaborative

Seventh day of the Octave of the Lord

Beatriz Canto: requested by friends.

For all prisoners

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (no obligation)

For all parishioners of the Collaborative

Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)

Timothy Mitchell

Sheila Washburn

For all parishioners of the Collaborative

Epiphany of the Lord

Genevieve Pietraszek: requested by Joan Holt

Paul Thompson: requested by his mother

Maria Fonseca Oliveira

For the sick in hospitals and nursing facilities

Living and deceased members of the Holy Rosary Sodality

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Mary's Cathedral): Maria Fonseca Oliveira The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): Almeida, Medeiros and Goncalo families The Our Lady of Angels (Good Shepherd): In memory of Manuel and Maria Raposa The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Stanislaus): Pierogi makers: requested by Valerie A. Butler

The Divine Mercy Lamp (St. Stanislaus): for the Souls in Purgatory

Our Lady of Czestochowa Lamp (Saint Stanislaus): Living and deceased Felician Sisters: requested by the Butler family Pope Saint John Paul Lamp (Saint Stanislaus): For the Souls in Purgatory

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PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL!

Isn't it wonderful to be back to something closer to our normal Christmas? We're not quite there yet. We



should still wear our masks in crowded spaces and make sure to get fully vaccinated, but after the last few years, it has just been wonderful to be able to gather and to celebrate with family and friends.

At the same time, as the hustle and bustle return to this time of year, we also need to make sure we are creating space for God in the midst of it. After all, Jesus is the reason for the season. One of the simple questions we can ask ourselves in prayer to remain rooted is: Where do I find God in the midst of this time?

If we have taken the time to stop, breath, and reflect, I think God is allowing us to create some space within ourselves to welcome Him. Christmas comes in the midst of winter. The season itself begs a quiet all around us. It gets dark earlier, the nights are quieter, and especially when we get snow as we did last week, the whole earth rests. This can be a good thing.

I was thinking of some of my favorite Christmas poems. Of course, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas is the classic. Another favorite is Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem Christmas Bells. But, especially in the quiet of this time of year, the haunting beauty of Christina Rossetti's In the bleak midwinter truly speaks to me; and hopefully to you. The words have also been used in a popular hymn.

Let's reflect on the beauty of these words and ask – where am I finding God in the midst of this season?

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; ' Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, /
worship night and day,
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; But His mother only, in her maiden bliss, Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

On behalf of Fr. Juan, myself, and the whole collaborative staff, let me wish you all the choicest blessings of this Christmas season, and all peace, happiness, and holiness in the year head. Merry Christmas!!

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Join Fr. Tom every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. for an online Bible Study. The link is posted each Tuesday on our facebook page and in our Flocknote email. This is lectionary based. We consider the

readings for the following Sunday Mass each week.
Contact Fr. Tom with questions (frtom@3cfallriver.org)

HELP WANTED: BINGO

As you may have noticed in our financial report, we are hoping to establish Bingo as a fundraising effort to support our collaborative. In order to accomplish this, we are in need of a few key volunteers to lead the Bingo.

<u>BINGO CHAIR:</u> Responsible for organizing and overseeing the smooth operation of all aspects of Bingo. All duties are performed in accordance with local, state, federal, and other applicable requirements, as well as internal policies and procedures.

TREASURER: Responsible for overseeing the bookkeeping and financial aspects of Bingo. All duties are performed in accordance with local, state, federal, and other applicable requirements, as well as internal policies and procedures. Please contact Fr. Tom if you are interested (frtom@3cfallriver.org).

PARISH GIVING - December 12, 2021 St. Mary's Cathedral: First Collection: \$ 3,922 Needed Weekly: \$ 3,900 \$ 1.983 Second Collection: Holyday Collection: 571 75 Online Giving: Good Shepherd: First Collection: \$ 2,208 \$ 3.800 Needed Weekly: Second Collection: \$ 1,295 Holyday Collection: 423 Online Giving: 130 St. Stanislaus: First Collection: \$ 1,679 \$ 2,700 Needed Weekly: Second Collection: \$ 1,019 Holyday Collection: 278 Online Giving: God bless your generosity!



THRIFT SHOP

Wednesday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday: CLOSED

FOOD PANTRY

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FREE GRAB & GO MEALS Wednesday & Friday: 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: We are in need of desserts for our Grab & Go meals. We distribute nearly 400 meals twice a week and include a fresh baked dessert (cookies, muffins, cupcakes, other single wrapped desserts). If you can help, please contact Leanne at

Inelson@3cfallriver.org.

A sincere thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree gift giving that was held in our collaborative parishes. Those who are the recipient of your gifts will be grateful for your kindness, that's for sure.

Thank you also to those who gave hams

to be distributed at the Food Pantry. Your gifts to those in need especially at this time of year is most appreciated. God bless your generosity.



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Join us each week for the prayer of the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed:

1. St. Mary's Cathedral - Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. before the daily Mass.

2. Good Shepherd - Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays beginning at 12:00 noon, concluding with the Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

**************** 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 St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve Friday: New Year's Day, Mary, The Holy Mother Saturday:

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 ©LPi



POPE FRANCIS OUTREACH CENTER NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: Online donations to the outreach center can be made through Venmo. Search Pope Francis Outreach Center and then enter code 5868



GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this year's Grand Annual Appeal. There is still time to make a donation to this **important appeal.** Here is the latest update on each parish:



Good Shepherd: \$5,830 Saint Stanislaus: \$6,185 Saint Mary's: \$6,560

Please consider supporting the Grand Annual Appeal. All

funds stay within your parish.

Coming Back to Church

Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi



The Christmas Season

We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.

Respect Life News

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' " (Patris corde, 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the



needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

~USCCB, 2021 Respect Life Reflection

Respect Life Prayer Intention

May the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the example of the Holy Family awaken in our hearts wonder at the precious gift of every child.



Hey Fall River Youth!

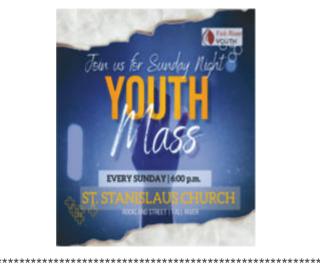
Fall River "Life Nights (Youth Group) are back!" Join us Sundays from 7-8:30pm in the St. Stanislaus gym

(after the 6pm Youth Mass). Feel free to bring your friends! Registration forms are available at the sign in table or by stopping by the Cathedral's parish office. We can't wait to see you there!

In Christ,

Madeleine "Maddie" Vuyk Parish Echo Apprentice & Youth Minister youthministry@3cfallriver.org

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



PRAYER LINE: If you are requesting prayers for anyone, please call (508) 496-0199

COME ONE! COME ALL!

Come play board games and hang out every Friday from 2-4 at the Outreach Center in Good Shepherd Parish. Bring your friends along too!



Saint Stanislaus School

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www.saintstanislaus.com fb.com/ststansschoolfallriver

St. Stanislaus School News



The students and faculty are working on a Catholic Character Curriculum this year. Each week a new word is introduced. Last week the word was Encouragement. This week the word is: Compassion.

If you are looking to be a substitute teacher, please call St. Stanislaus School. We are looking for a couple of teachers who would be willing to sub from time to time. Please call the school office and speak to Mrs. Kathy Banalewicz or Ms. Beth Mahoney.

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to assist with the students when eating lunch. Hours are: 11 AM — 12:30 PM. Monday — Friday. If you have some free time and would like



to help at the school, we could use your assistance. Please call the school at 508-674-6771 and ask for Mrs. Kathy Banalewicz or Ms. Beth Mahoney.





We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

May 2022 be filled with Peace, Health and Happiness for you and your families!

Please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Banalewicz, Director of Faith Formation, with any questions via e-mail <u>faith-formation@3cfallriver.org</u> or cell phone at (508)241-6867.



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation 1 - next class is Sunday, January 9th. (The class begins at 4 PM followed by the Youth Mass at 6 PM and Youth Ministry at 7 PM.

Confirmation 2 - Next class is on Sunday, January 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus School. Please plan to join your child for the 6:00 PM Youth Mass. Youth Group meets right after the Mass. Candidates are asked to attend at least 2 Youth Ministry sessions a month.

Please make sure your child is registered for Confirmation. Remember Youth Group meets right after Mass until 8:00 PM. Please email Beth Mahoney at bmahoney@saintstanislaus.com or call 508-880-7666 with any questions about Confirmation.

Please remember that all Confirmation Candidates are asked to be a greeter, server or reader at the Youth Mass. This is part of your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sign-up sheets are available at the church before and after 6 PM Mass. We will be connecting with you to make sure you are signing up for service at the Youth Mass.



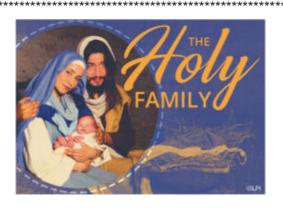
.RCIA 2021-2022 "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38) This is the question Jesus posed to His early disciples intrigued by His messages of love and hope. He is still asking us this question today!

We are excited to begin a new journey into faith:

for adults (18 and older) seeking to explore their spirituality more deeply, who may be interested in learning more about the many ways our Catholic faith is lived out, or

for those who may want to enter more fully into the Catholic faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If you are intrigued by the on-going question Jesus asks, or know someone who might be, please feel free to contact Debbie Zane, Pastoral Associate, by phone: 508-673- 2833 or by email: dzane@3cfallriver.org.





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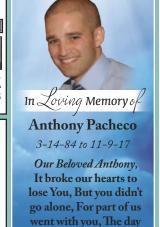
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