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JANUARY 2, 2022

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

9:30 am (English)  
11:00 am (Brazilian Portuguese)  
1:00pm (French)  
7:00 pm (Brazilian Portuguese)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

8:30 AM Tuesday, Thursday—Chapel  
7:30 PM Friday, (Brazilian Portuguese)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
7:30 PM Thursday (Chapel)



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**SUNDAY MASSES**

11:00 am (English)  
6:00 PM (Spanish)  
Saturday Vigil Mass:  
4:00 PM (English)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

8:30 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays at 3:00 PM

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY - January 1**

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***

10:00 am (St. Stephen)

***Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord***

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Normand & Jean Cote, by the Family

**SUNDAY - January 2**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***

9:30 am (St. Joseph) For the People of Holy Family Parish

11: 00 am (St. Stephen) + Gloria Liset Contreras, by the Onofore Family

**MONDAY – January 3**

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

**TUESDAY – January 4**

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Ralph K Bolduc, Months Minds Mass, by the Family

**WEDNESDAY – January 5**

8:30 am (St. Stephen) For the People of St. Stephen Parish

**THURSDAY – January 6**

8:30 am (St. Joseph)

**FRIDAY – January 7**

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

**SATURDAY - January 8**

***Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord***

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Kathleen Carney, 1st Annv., by the Family

**SUNDAY - January 9**

***The Baptism of the Lord***

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Charles & Robert Bouchard, Lisa Sansoucy, by Samantha Storey

11:00 am (St. Stephen) For the People of St. Stephen Parish



**Music in the Parishes**

Music is an integral part of the celebration of the Mass in the Roman Rite. Our participation in the Liturgy includes our participation in the singing of liturgical music. During the restrictions of co-vid we had been singing the Entrance Antiphon and Communion Antiphon. This is actually the most proper way for Roman Catholics to begin both the Mass and the procession to Holy Communion. The singing of the psalms in the Sacred Liturgy predates the singing of hymns historically. As of the First Sunday of Advent we will return to the singing of these two antiphons at all Sunday Masses to be followed by the singing of a hymn.

**Music for the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

*Vigil : Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the east and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.*

*Day: Behold, the Lord, the mighty one, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.*

**Entrance Hymn #328 The First Noel**

**Readings and Psalm are found at # 878**

**Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts**

**#329 We Three Kings**

**Communion Antiphon:**

*Vigil: The brightness of God illumined the Holy City of Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.*

*Day: We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.*

**Hymn for the Communion Procession**

**#330 What Child is This?**

**Recessional Hymn #332 Angels from the Realm of Glory**

**NATIVITY SCENES ARE THE SCHOOL OF LIFE**

During the Christmas Season, nativity (manger) scenes or “crèches” are commonplace in our churches and in our homes. Some years ago, Pope Benedict offered the following reflection on the value of this centuries-old tradition:

**“The custom of setting up manger scenes in our homes is more than mere tradition. As Christians we must seek to live what the nativity scene represents the reality of our everyday lives: that is, the love of Christ, his humility and his poverty.**

**The manger scene is a ‘school of life’ where we can learn the secret of true joy. This joy does not consist in possessing many things but in experiencing ourselves as loved by God, in making ourselves a gift for others, and in loving one another.**

**When we gaze upon the nativity scene, the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph do not appear to be a very privileged family. Their child was born amidst great hardship. And yet, they are full of joy because they love one another, they help one another and, above all, they are certain that God is at work in the story of their lives.**

**True joy consists in experiencing ourselves as touched by and filled with the great mystery, the mystery of God’s great love for us. These are among the great life lessons taught by the manger scene.”**

As you pass by the nativity scene in our churches, located in the sanctuary area during the Christmas Season, and gaze upon the images of the Holy Family, please pray for all the very diverse and different kinds of families that make up our parish community. May they experience the love of God in their midst.

St. Stephen and Holy Family Parishes  
 Religious Education News  
**Now open for 2021-2022 Online  
 Religious Education Registration  
 For grades Kindergarten - 11th**  
[ststephenworchester.org](http://ststephenworchester.org)  
[hollyfamilyparishworchester.org](http://hollyfamilyparishworchester.org)

K-5 Classes resume January 2, 2022  
**Merry Christmas**

Religious Education Classes have started for the year 2021-2022. In order to provide an exceptional program we will be providing breakfast for our students at least once a month. The motto is to provide food for the Mind, Body and Soul.

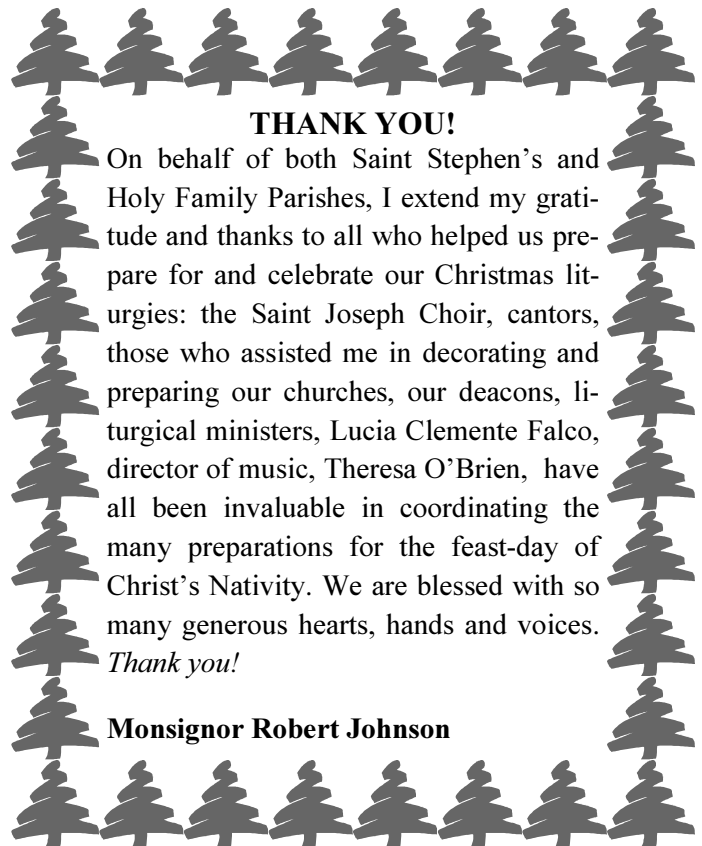
**Daily Mass Schedule**

*Beginning on September 6, Mass will return to Monday Morning at 8:30 at St. Stephen*

**Monday—8:30 am St. Stephen Church**  
**Tuesday—8:30 am St. Joseph Church**  
**Wednesday—8:30 am St. Stephen Church**  
**Thursday—8:30 am St. Joseph Church**  
**Friday—8:30 am St. Stephen Church**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
 Today we continue our celebration of Christmas as the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “*Epiphany*” means “appearance,” or “revelation” or “manifestation.”  
 We contemplate the mystery of our loving God who reveals himself as a tiny child and yet who is the “Light of the World.” Epiphany manifests the truth that God reveals great things in humble circumstances. Grace makes its appearance in simple, even seemingly mundane events.  
 The “Magi” described in today’s gospel reading were astrologers. They studied the heavens and astral signs. Consistent with their vocation, the gospel narrates that these astrologers observed an unusual astronomical phenomenon and sought out the meaning of the event.  
 The Magi journeyed to Jerusalem in good faith: they searched for a newborn “king” they did not yet know. They were open to where the sign might lead. Eventually, they discovered a child. They “did him homage,” opened their treasures and offered him their gifts. The story is very much about us as well. It recounts how God reveals himself, our journey of faith, and our response through the offering of our “gifts.”

As we begin 2022, we might reflect upon our life together as a parish family:  
*How has God been leading us over the past year? Where do we see the light of Christ shining in our parish community?*  
*Are there circumstances so simple and ordinary where we might be overlooking God’s activity and presence? Where might God be leading us as a parish? How might we be called to open our “treasures” in 2022?*  
*What gifts are we being called to share? Are we open to new discoveries of God’s Grace?*  
 The journey of the Magi is one we are all called to embrace. Our liturgical tradition and the *Roman Missal* call for an “increased display of lights and candles” during Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.  
 The lights are meant to mirror the Light of Christ illuminating the world and our hearts. Today, we pray that the light of Christ will shine on us throughout the New Year and enlighten us with new insights into God’s love along life’s pilgrimage during 2022.



**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of both Saint Stephen’s and Holy Family Parishes, I extend my gratitude and thanks to all who helped us prepare for and celebrate our Christmas liturgies: the Saint Joseph Choir, cantors, those who assisted me in decorating and preparing our churches, our deacons, liturgical ministers, Lucia Clemente Falco, director of music, Theresa O’Brien, have all been invaluable in coordinating the many preparations for the feast-day of Christ’s Nativity. We are blessed with so many generous hearts, hands and voices.  
*Thank you!*

**Monsignor Robert Johnson**

**Weekday Masses & Winter Weather**

Reminder: In the event of school cancellation or delay due to winter weather, the 8:30 am weekday, Monday-Friday Mass is cancelled. St. Josephs and St. Stephens both share the same policy concerning weekday Mass. When weather is bad, it is important to remain safe at home and let the snow removal crews do their work.

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If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church and you would like to talk with someone. Please contact the  
**Victim Services Coordinator at  
The Diocesan Office for Healing and Prevention at  
508-929-4363 (a direct line).**  
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available and your inquiry will be addressed.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

In the charity of your prayers, you are kindly asked to remember the sick, especially: **Janet Lebeau, Jules Andre Alcide, Cyrus Hiatt, Denise Thibeault, Carey Santiago, David Peloquin, Paul & Suzanne White, Therese Adams, John Bouckaert, Cindy Bourgault, Marie Lee, Joseph Vancelette, Tina Quinn, Lorraine & Roger Fortin, Doug Cooper, John Brennan, Erin O'Brien, John Reidle and Lisa Bishop.**

Please pray for: Persecuted Christians and religious minorities living in the Middle East. For those individuals and families impacted by addictions.

### Weekly Meetings/Gatherings

**Rosary: 3:30 PM recited before the 4:00 Mass**  
**Saturdays**

### Parish Stewardship

*Week of December 19, 2021*

**St. Stephen Parish — \$2,763.95**

**Holy Family Parish — \$3,128.59**

### **\*NEW\* Holy Family Parish Loan Update!**

As you know we have paid our loan for the repair of the front of the Church Building 19,000.00 and now we are paying an existing loan for our share of the rectory renovation which was **45,695.52.** We have made five months of payments and taking into consideration interest owed, our loan stands now at **34,967.00** remaining.

### **Thank You**

Msgr. Johnson, Fr. Thiago , and all the priests, we would like to extend a special Thank You to all of our parishioners who sent Christmas greetings, or sent Christmas treats and goodies to the rectory. We are all so appreciative of the thoughtfulness and care shown to us during this Christmas Season.

Thank you and God Bless you



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