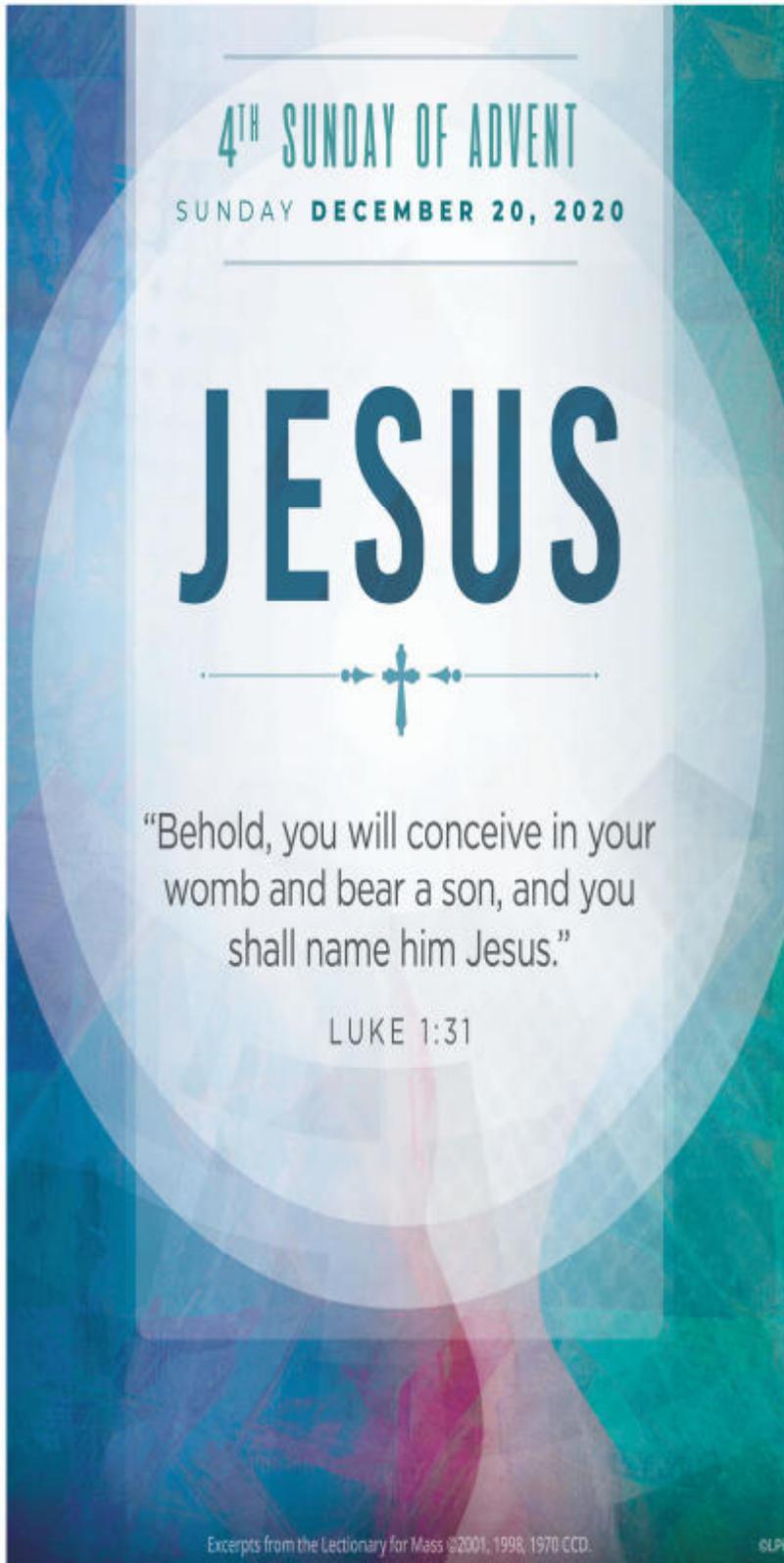


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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 19

4:00 PM St. Matthew Church
†Richard Khoury by Creig & Leonetta Doyle

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM St. Matthew Church
For all parishioners
9:30 AM Our Lady of Grace Chapel
Mass
11:00 AM St. Matthew Church
†Noell Gioffre by the Laufenberg Family

Monday, December 21

8:00 AM St. Matthew Church
Mass
Adoration after 8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 22

St. Matthew Church
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 23

St. Matthew Church
NO MASS

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 PM St. Matthew Church (this Mass is full)
6:00 PM Our Lady of Grace Chapel
9:00 PM St. Matthew Church
(All Masses by Reservation only)

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

10:30 AM St. Matthew Church
(Reservation only)

Saturday, December 26

4:00 PM St. Matthew Church
†Richard Khoury by the Ross family

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM St. Matthew Church
For all parishioners
9:30 AM Our Lady of Grace Chapel
11:00 AM St. Matthew Church



Monday, December 21

AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Tuesday, December 22

AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, December 23

AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Thursday, December 24

AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon



Parish offices will be closed in observance of Christmas beginning on Wednesday, December 23rd at noon, and reopening on Monday, December 28th at 9 AM.

The offices will be closed on New Year's Eve, December 31st and reopen Monday, January 4th.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

As winter weather approaches, please watch WMUR or check our FB page, Holy Trinity News and Info before you set out for daily Mass, Adoration or other events. Cancellations are also emailed out to parishioners who have given us their email address. If you do not receive our emails, please email Chris at holytrinitybristol@gmail.com



Offertory for 12/12 and 12/13

Offertory	\$6020.00
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Immaculate Conception	\$567.00
Christmas Flowers	\$135.00
St Francis Inn	\$200.00
Retirement for Priests	\$794.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Would you Consider Online Giving?

The effects of COVID 19 have been wide spread, whether it be physically, emotionally, and financially just to name a few. The parish has also felt the effects financially. If you haven't already transitioned to online giving, would you please consider doing so? That way, we can continue to receive your weekly offerings even when you are not here, as the payments are automatic. We thank you for your continued generosity, prayers and participation at Holy Trinity Parish.

Mass For Feast of Mary, Mother of God
There will be a Mass for the
Feast of Mary, Mother of God,
on January 1, 2021
(New Year's Day)
at 10:30 AM at
St. Matthew Church.



FROM YOUR PASTOR

I came across a Christmas reflection recently written by Dolores Curran. I feel it gives much food for thought as we celebrate our Lord's birth once again. I wish you all a safe, healthy and most blessed Christmas season.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff for working so tirelessly to keep you safe in our facilities, maintain parish communication, decorate our worship spaces (and redecorate for the filming of Masses which can be tricky!), help out with the GIFT program, distribute gifts for Operation Santa and the Giving trees in both locations. Thank you to those who have consistently helped to keep our parish afloat financially, and most importantly, thank you all for your prayers. *Fr. Leo*

I Have Come to Bring You Peace

*I have come to bring you peace,
Not the peace of the season for it is too fleeting,
Not the peace of the carol, for it is nostalgic,
Not the peace of the greeting card, for it is too slick,
Not the peace of the crib for it is too wistful.
Rather I have come to bring you peace,
Peace of the ordinary, the daily, the homely,
Peace for the worker, the driver, the student,
Peace in the office, the kitchen and the farm.
I have come to bring you peace,
The peace of accepting yourself as I fashioned you,
The peace of knowing yourself as I know you,
The peace of loving yourself as I love you,
The peace of being yourself as I am who am.
I have come to bring you peace,
The peace that warms you at the completion of a task,
The peace that invades you at the close of the day,
The peace that sustains you at the beginning of the day,
The peace that reinforces you when you reconcile with another
The peace that touches you when your family is in order.
Without peace, my coming is unfulfilled,
Without peace, my birth is forgettable,
Without peace, Christmas is contradictory.
Remember, I have come to bring you peace.*



Giving Tree at Our Lady of Grace
Please bring back your gifts for our homebound parishioners by 11/20, unwrapped. You can leave them in the drop box at the Marian Center, or bring them to Mass this Sunday. They will be delivered this week. Thanks!

Peace Light of Bethlehem



The tradition of the Peace Light continues! The Peace Light of Bethlehem is available at both churches for pickup this weekend. You can pick up a candle at either St. Matthew or Our Lady of Grace. It is advisable to transfer the light to a closed lantern if you wish to keep it burning during the Christmas season.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Drive Through this Sunday

There will be the opportunity for Drive Through confession this Sunday, December 20th after the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Matthew Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be available every Saturday at 3:00 PM at St. Matthew Church, or by appointment. Please remember to wear a mask.

Reflection from Deacon Candidate Dave Hemeon

When the Lord made a covenant with David as King, He came to redeem his people. He fills us with his Holy Spirit

The source of our joy and hope is in God's promises of peace and security. What do we consider peace and security?

The Messiah brings us peace and security by taking away our sin and restores our torn relationship with God our heavenly Father.

Mary on the other hand, was a true hearer of the Word and just responded with trust and faith. Her response of yes to the divine message from God is truly a model of faith for us all to follow.

God gives us all the grace to say yes. What holds us back from saying yes to the power of God's grace in our lives?

"Heavenly Father, you offer us abundant grace, mercy, and forgiveness through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to live a grace-filled life as Mary did by believing in your promises and by giving you my unqualified 'yes' to your will and plan in my life."

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM at St. Matthew

Sunday

8:00 AM at St. Matthew

9:30 AM at Our Lady of Grace

11:00 AM at St. Matthew

Please wear a mask, practice social distancing and follow the instructions of the ushers.

Gospel Meditation

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

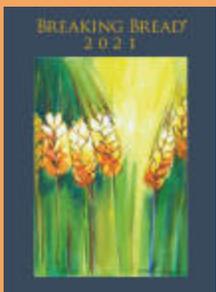
The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

Online Bereavement Support Group from Catholic Charities NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again," a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 – March 4) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

Breaking Bread Hymnals



Song lyrics can no longer be printed in the bulletin due to copyright restrictions, but we do have some Breaking Bread hymnals for 2021 that you can pick up at either campus! Please take them! You can pick them up or call us and we can put a copy in the after hours box for you. Call Sandy at 536-4700 if you want to pick up in Plymouth, or Chris in Bristol at 744-2700.

Word Among Us: We also have the copies of the Word Among Us for December which have all of the readings and some great meditations and prayers.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, December 24th at the Marian Center.

Readings for Sunday, December 20th

First Reading:

"When your times comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will establish his kingdom firm." (2 Sm 12)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

According to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God. (Rom 16:25b-26a)

Gospel:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High." (Lk 1:31-32a)

GIFT PROGRAM

Men's Spirituality (one Saturday of the month) provides an opportunity for men to gather and discuss the Sunday Scriptures considering their own journeys of faith.

Moms Faith Sharing Circle (one evening per month) welcomes women at all stages of motherhood to enter deeper conversations and prayer within a safe and supportive environment.

If you are interested, please call GIFT program leader Dave Hemeon at **(603) 496-7145**.

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Thank You!

We would like to thank Jim Cooper for his hard work in restoring the outdoor manger and figurines for Our Lady of Grace Chapel. Thanks so much!

Contribution Envelopes For 2021

Please come and pick up your envelopes, they are lonely here without you....:(

If you are from the Bristol area, the envelopes are at Our Lady of Grace, and if you are from the Plymouth area, they are at St. Matthew. If you are unable to pick them up, please call Chris in Bristol at 744-2700 or Sandy in Plymouth at 536-4700. If you are no longer interested in contribution envelopes because you are giving online, please let us know that as well. Thank you for your assistance.



Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

4:00 PM (FULL)

6:00 PM (open for reservations)

9:00 PM (limited seats available)

St. Matthew Church

Our Lady of Grace

St. Matthew Church

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th

10:30 AM (limited seats available)

St. Matthew Church

Communion will be available after the 10:30 Mass. Please call Sandy at 536-4700 for a reservation. Please allow everyone to exit the church before entering.

All Masses are by reservation only.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 21st at 2:00 PM.

For Mass at Our Lady of Grace: call Chris at 744-2700 or email

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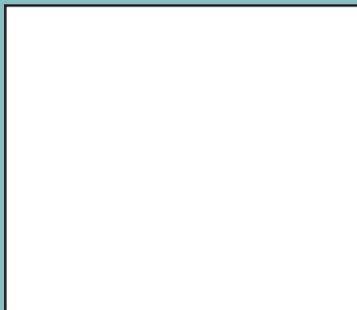
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