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December 26, 2021

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The pastoral care of St. Joseph's is entrusted to the
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1st Collection: 12/5/21 \$5085.90 (includes online)
12/12/21 \$6429.08 (includes online)

Online: 12/6/21 = \$737.90
12/13/21 = \$980.08

Candles: 12/5 = \$83.00
12/12 = \$98.00

Retired Religious—12/12 = \$1437.50

EXPENSES: 12/07/2021— \$7271.31
12/13/2021—\$11,061.02

Bishop Assessment—December 19th.—to follow

St. Joseph's PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 24	12:00am 4:30pm	MIDNIGHT Eve Mass
Saturday, Dec. 25	10:00am only	Christmas Day
Friday, Dec. 31	8:00am	ONLY
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022	10:00am 4:30pm	New Year's Day Epiphany Eve
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022	8:00 + 10:00am	Epiphany Day
Friday, Jan. 7	9:00am	School Mass
Monday, Jan. 10 Tuesday, Jan. 11	9:00am 6:30pm	Prayer Shawl
Tuesday, Jan. 11	6:00pm	Finance Committee
Wednesday, Jan. 12	6:00pm	Parish Council
Thursday, Jan. 13	6:00pm	Bible Study / Faith Sharing
Saturday, Jan. 15	10:00am	Legion of Mary
Saturday, Jan. 15	5:15pm	RCIA



Bible Study / Faith Sharing

December 23, 2021

Thursday, 6:00pm



The Bread, Candles, and Wine are donated
this week in loving memory of:

**Manuel & Maria DeMelo,
Antone & Silvana Soares**

BY: Jose deMelo & Family



The Vigil Lamp will burn this week in
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Volunteers are just ordinary people *who reach out* and take a hand and together make a *difference* that lasts a lifetime.

A *very special thank you* to each and everyone in all our ministries for all they do. Also, to all others who are always there to help in times of need.

Fr. Stephen + staff wishing each and everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.
May 2022 be a healthy and safe year for all.



Banns of Marriage



David Wayne Hopwood
(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

intends to marry

Danielle Marie Mello

(St. Joseph Parish)

December 31, 2021



Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

with Fr. Stephen

July 11-20, 2022

cost \$4299 per person
double room, \$699 private room
supplement.

Highlights of our Pilgrimage!

While Fatima and Lourdes are the two major stops on our pilgrimage, we will be visiting a number of other sacred spots, where we will celebrate Mass and learn about our spiritual connections to these sites. There will be time to explore and enjoy these historic sites, eat local cuisine...and of course shop:

Here's a list

Lisbon: **St Anthony de Padua** site of his birthplace and baptism.

Santarem: 13th century **Eucharistic Miracle at St Stephen's Church** (more about Eucharistic Miracles next week).

Fatima: Our Lady of Fatima, Sts Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta.

Salamanca: **St Martin de Porres**
Alba de Tormes and Avila: **St Teresa of Avila** visit the monastery and birthplace of St Teresa, view her relics, experience a walled city Burgos:

Important stop on the Way of St James and home to numerous century old Cathedrals and Monasteries

Loyola: **St Ignatius of Loyola**

Lourdes: Our Lady of Lourdes, St Bernadette and the healing waters

Visit our website: www.pilgrimages.com/frbanjare for full details or

Contact: Pat Correia (508-999-1099 pkorea@comcast.net)
or Carol Renaux (508-979-0630 renauxx2@comcast.net)

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE



December 24th. - 4:30pm - Christmas Eve Mass and Midnight

December 25th. – 10:00am Christmas Day

December 31st. – NO MASS

**January 1, 2022 - 10:00am New Year's Day Mass
4:30pm Epiphany**

January 2, 2022—8:00 + 10:00am Epiphany Day



**Bishop's Prayer Intentions for Year 2022
Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Devotion**

The Bishop has asked all those participating in the Diocesan 40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration Devotion to remember the following two prayers in the year 2022

1. For the end of COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. For the success of the Diocesan phase of the Synod

Thank you,
Peace and Blessings,
from The Team



**Terrence Joseph Bigham
Sacrament of Confirmation
St. Mary's Cathedral—Fall River
December 9, 2021**

Used Book Sale

Start browsing the used book sale after all Masses located downstairs in Damien Hall.

This sale will be ongoing. It will be a free will offering.

NO MORE DONATIONS BEING TAKEN

Thank you, The Hospitality Committee



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day	Antonio & Arminda Fernandes	10:00am
Sunday, Dec. 26	Pro Populo Norman Demers (1st. Anniversary) John Bancroft Kathleen Silvia	8:00am 10:00am
Monday, Dec. 27	James Marshall	8:00am
Tuesday, Dec. 28	Inocencia DeCastro (Birthday Wishes)	8:00am
Wednesday, Dec. 29	Paul Renaux (Birthday Remembrance)	8:00am
Thursday, Dec. 30	Richard Cormier & Evan Richard Sampson	8:00am
Friday, Dec. 31		8:00am ONLY
Saturday, Jan. 1	All living and deceased parishioners	10:00am
Sunday, Jan. 2	Stephen and Mary Foster Francisco & Lillian Tanque	8:00am 10:00am

Let us PRAY

Angie Medeiros, Antonio Rodrigues, Antonio Tadeu, Anthony Rezendes, Bernice England, Beverly Macedo, Brian Swire, Cathleen Carreiro, Cecile Garton, Constance Gaucher, David Santos, Dorothy Lowney, Dorothy Mello, Doug Severs, Ed Marnik, Eileen Bancroft, Elaine Pasquill, Elizabeth Rodrigues, Ernest Pare, Evelyn Cuadrado, Francis Cox, Sr, Helen Fisher, Jeanne Dube, Jeanne Reedy, Joao Rezendes, John Bancroft, June Smith, L.J. Lars IV, Leona Blouin, Linda Surprenant, Lou Rosa, Maria Colon, Maria Fumo, Mario Constant, Maryanne Daigle, Mary Machado, Matilda Almeida, Nora Ferreira, Paula Tinker, Rita Pare, Roland Blouin, Roland Dube, Rosemary Rodrigues, Shane Martin, Stanley Sikorsi, Steven Arruda, Teresa Beaulieu, William Moniz
Anyone is in need of prayers, please reach out to the office. Tel: 508-994-9714

Parishioners in Nursing Homes

SIPPICAN	OUR LADY'S HAVEN	ALDEN COURT
Matilda Almeida	Nora Ferreira	Irene Vieira
Constance Gaucher		Donald Spooner
	THE ROYALS	Al Ramos
	Jeanne & Roland Dube	

Bishop da Cunha's 2021 Christmas Message

A Season of Opportunity

Dear Friends in Christ,

Opportunity is defined as a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. The last two years have presented us with various circumstances, some extremely difficult, with which we can do something beautiful. We can come together and use these moments to breathe fresh hope into our homes, parishes, and world. While the Covid-19 pandemic continues to concern us, and require our caution, I look toward the celebration of Christmas and the New Year that is nearly upon us with expectant hope and faith.

This year, Pope Francis invited the whole Church to join on a two-year journey (2021-2023) to focus on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly moving in our Diocese. As the theme of my pastoral letter, I chose *Journeying Together: With Jesus on the Path of Faith and Hope*, shortly after Pope Francis announced the synod theme, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. Synodality asks us to consider: how can the Church better function as the Body of Christ?

The central hope for us embracing this synodal process is for all of us to become part of a caring and listening Church. Journeying together requires a great commitment to listen to the voices of all who make up the People of God. Individually and as a parish, we have an opportunity to embrace the process as a means for growth and creating meaningful connections. First, during this joyous time of holiday gatherings, either in person or virtual, open your heart to truly listen to your friends and family—pay attention to their cares and concerns; what a magnificent way to experience the synodal process in your life. Second, the synod will create opportunities for parishes in their revitalization efforts. What remarkable potential the formal and informal coming together of the People of God presents.

I also look forward with faith and hope to the nationwide Eucharistic Revival set to launch next summer and conclude with a Eucharistic Congress in 2024. I am truly excited as plans are taking shape for this initiative. I can already envision the many blessings these will bring to the Church at large as well as to the Diocese of Fall River. The three years working together to better understand and communicate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will bring innumerable graces. I have no doubt hearts will be set aflame, people's faith will be reignited, and souls will grow ever closer to Christ.

During this Christmas season, I pray that we all experience a renewal of faith and hope as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. May our celebrations strengthen us to remain steadfast in our desire to share this Good News with the world. May we see all the good things put into motion this year come to fruition in our lives, our Diocese, and the world. May all answer God's call to be a part of the revitalization and renewal of the Church, through our love, dedication, and perseverance as disciples and witnesses of our Eucharistic Lord.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

"DAMIEN DOLLARS" is back with BIGGER and BETTER prize money. Entry forms at all church entrances. You can also use the form below.

St. Joseph's Church
74 Spring Street, Fairhaven MA 02719

"Damien Dollars" Building Fundraiser

\$150 winner every week: January, February, March, April, May

Special Easter Drawing: \$500

June drawings

First Prize: \$250

Second Prize: \$750

Third Prize: \$1000

Grand Prize: \$2000

Check one Payment method: \$120.00 Payment in full enclosed with form.

20.00 in 6 Monthly Installments January to June.

Monthly payment of \$20 due by 3rd week of the month to be eligible for the following month's drawings *(make payments in December 2021 for January 2022 drawing)

Make checks payable to "St Joseph's Church", please write "Damien's Dollars" on bottom left of check,

PLEASE DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE

Please PRINT (**ONLY 1 PERSON PER ENTRY**) -You can enter more than once.

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a wreath! \$25.00*

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Bereavement Support:

The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Fall. These online virtual programs are being offered through

Catholic Social Services on **Tuesdays**

The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follow:

**4:30 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4>
or 7 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>**

In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone.

For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111 or 774-253-4097, or by email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org.

BAPTISM

Parents who are registered and practicing members of the Parish should call the office to make arrangements.

Seminar for parents and godparents is held on the third Saturday of each month.

Baptism ceremony is held during any Mass you may choose.

WEDDINGS

Anybody intending to get married at St. Joseph church, must call the office eight months in advance to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome you to our parish! Registration forms are available at the office or on the St. Joseph webpage.

Please complete fully and return to office as soon as possible.

Please be sure to list telephone number and email address.

Any child 18 or older, MUST register on their own as an adult.

Emil, Anna, Joseph Olifierko

The Lopes Family

The Barcellos Family

Melo + Olsson family

Rosalie M. Bracker

M/M Anson W Paine

Manuel Viveiros

Dorothy Viveiros

Daniel Cardozo

William Machado

Henry DeGrace

Al, Dolly & Monica Benac

David Mitchell

Walter & Mary Silveira

Claire Fredette

M/M Alfred Durand

M/M J. Leonard Richard

Emile Fredette

Antonio DaCunha, SR

Alfred W Cyr

Alton & Helen Longden

Deceased Goulart family

Joe Nader

Antone & Amelia DeTerra

Albert & Viola England

Bob Rocha

Fred & Genowefa Osuch

Raymond Cote

M/M Alfred Benac

Monica L Benac

Jos & Simone Rezendes

Marie DosSantos

Joseph Borges

Roland + Mary Despres

Richard Cormier

Dorothea E Costa

Josephine Pimental

Edward Ducary

Joseph + Alice Correia

Patricia Gallagher

Marty Olsen

Seraphine Moniz

Rapoza-Moniz Family

Daniel Garcia

Mary Garcia

Marilyn, Robert, James Walker

Stephen L Foster

Mary E Foster

John Staffon

M/M Manuel Almeida

M/M John J Shaw

James, Walton

Olivia Robillard

Alice Nunes

Josephine & Teddy Bonneau

Oscar DeCastro

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Susan May Smith

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Leonard Parker

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Russell Bessette

M/M John Agrelo

M/M Edward Borges, SR

Wright & Bancroft Families

Luis A. Matias

Enes & Gordon Lynch

Aileen & John Sylvia

John & Rita Mcleod

Elaine Pasquell

Stephen & Mary Foster

Kaitlyn Edson

Alfred, Andrea, Thomas, Amy,

& Kathleen Foster

Marguerite Canastra

Gerry Alferes & Charlie Alferes

Dot Saladino

Peg Olivera

Jim Marshall

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1st. Week of the month—Birthdays

2nd. Week of the month—Marriages

Last Week of the month—Deceased

St. Joseph Parish Information

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:30am - 2:30pm

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

School: 508-996-1983
School Fax: 508-996-1998

St. Joseph Church **74 Spring St.**

Fairhaven, MA 02719

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CHURCH STAFF

Fr. Stephen Banjare, ss.cc, Pastor

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Deacon Douglas Medeiros, Pastoral Asst.

Ms. Ruth Monty, Music Director

Ms. Catherine Barboza, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Mrs. Melissa DeTerra, Dir. of Faith Formation

Mr. Sean Young, Custodian

SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Faith Piazza – Principal

Mrs. Isabel DaCosta—Secretary

Mrs. Renee Sullivan – Bookkeeper

HOLY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.

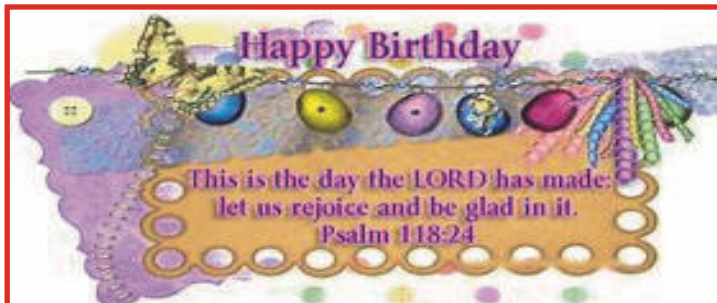
RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday 3:45- 4:15 p.m.

and by appointment.



SACRED HEARTS
OF JESUS AND MARY
United States Province



December 25 through January 9, 2022

Amanda Lane
Blanche Deterra
Bethany Furey
Rose Grace
Daniel Hankins
Manuela Pereira
Eugene Botelho
Innocencia DeCastro
Collin Goncalves
Christopher Goncalves
Mary Ann Walker
William Westgate, JR
Elmire Arsenault
Elizabeth daCunha
Carol DeTerra
Elizabeth Dube
Elijah Gautreau
Connor Green
James Pomfret
Natalie Santos
Marion Bagacino
Kathleen Cabral
Carolyn Hebert
Kathryn Manfredi
Stephanie Moran
Judith Wordell
Andrew Donovan
Edward Garland

Elaine Rocha
Brian Bowcook
Odessa Conde
Kathleen Isaksen
William Serpa
Justin Alves
Claudia Mitchell
Steven Souza
Kendra Isaksen
Thomas Mello
Hannah Nordstrom
Anthony Olean
Kristen Bruce
Kristen Desorcy
Joseph Kaeterle
Brandy Lussier
Steven Marujo
Elizabeth Patterson
Janis Sirois
Christopher Souza
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