

For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Luke 1:44

VISITATION PARISH

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Visitation Parish

Sacred Heart Church & St. John the Baptist Church

Parish Offices—62 School St.

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Liturgy Schedule

Virtual Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm on our website

In-Person 5:00 Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Sunday Masses:

Sacred Heart— 8:30 am

Sacred Heart—10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sacred Heart Church—Please call the Rectory and
schedule an appointment with Fr. Paul**

Sacrament of Baptism

All Baptisms are Private for the time being.

**Please go to our website for information on how to
schedule a Baptism in our Parish.**

Sacraments of Marriage and Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory for more information.

**Until the renovations are complete at
St. John the Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Church will
be used for our Worship Site.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021



Saturday	December 18, 2021	
4:00 pm Virtual	Sacred Heart	The Parishioners of Visitation Parish
5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	The Parishioners of Visitation Parish
Sunday	December 19, 2021	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	The Parishioners of Visitation Parish
10:00 am	Sacred Heart	The Parishioners of Visitation Parish
Friday	December 24, 2021	
3:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Christmas Eve Mass
5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Pageant
Saturday	December 25, 2021	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Christmas Day
10:00 am	Sacred Heart	Christmas Day
Sunday	December 26, 2021	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Holy Family— Jesus, Mary and Joseph
10:00 am	Sacred Heart	Holy Family—Jesus , Mary and Joseph

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
- Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Friday:** *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Down: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Next 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

COVID –19 VACCINE CLINIC 5+

Tuesday, December 21st

4:00 to 6:00 pm

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Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Conley's Drug Store, Ipswich

Clergy Trust Christmas Giving

The upcoming Christmas collection will benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all diocesan priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. If you are able, please consider a generous gift to the Christmas collection this year. Thank you in advance.

This year, we keep in mind Fr. Wallace Blackwood and Fr. Joseph Fagan who loved our parish and have now gone onto the Kingdom of Heaven. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. We also keep in mind, Fr. Thomas Buckley, Former Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church who is now living at Regina Cleri. Please watch for more information about the Clergy Trust Christmas Giving.



Gift Cards Needed:

Market Basket—Shaw's—Stop & Shop

Marshall's—CVS—Target

Amazon—Walmart—Visa—MasterCard



It's the most wonderful time of the year! This year, our Virtual Christmas Tree will be available on our website until Monday, December 20th. As in years past, we will be providing a \$50.00 Gift Card for our friends, the Retired Priests at Regina Cleri as well as our Manchester-Essex Regional School District Families and also our Town's Council on Aging, helping our Senior Citizens. Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org and click on the Giving Tree Link. Please check the box that you wish to purchase for any amount and include your email address. You can mail the gift card to Visitation Parish – 62 School St. Manchester by the Sea, Ma 01944, you can bring it to Mass with you and put it in the Giving Tree Basket or you can drop it through the mail slot on the front door of the Rectory. Last year, we provided 68 - \$50.00 Gift Cards to Regina Cleri and provided Christmas Gift Cards for over 36 families and Senior Residents of our Towns. We appreciate your Christmas gifts to our Giving Tree!



VISITATION PARISH
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Hark! Inviting all Shepherds,
Angels and Christmas
travelers to our
Christmas Pageant.

Children ages 3 and older are welcome to participate in the Christmas Pageant which will be held at 5:00 pm before the Mass begins on Christmas Eve. There are acting parts for children Pre-K to 6th Grade and reading parts for children 6th Grade through 10th Grade. All children, including those visiting our parish for the holiday, are invited to participate! Costumes will be provided at that time. Please arrive at 4:00 pm to be assigned a role and receive your costume. To sign up, please contact Karen Cunningham via email: kasiegel@mac.com

End of Year Giving to Visitation Parish



TAX SAVINGS TIP

We would like to bring your attention to a tax planning strategy regarding Charitable Contributions. This will be particularly valuable for taxpayers who are no longer able to benefit from itemizing deductions under the new tax act.

Individual Retirement Account (IRA) distribution rules allow for the Federal tax-free treatment of IRA distributions that are donated to charity by an IRA-owner who is age 70½ or older.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity. It is available to individuals who have reached Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age (70½). Any amount processed as a QCD counts toward your RMD and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution (Note that a QCD must be made directly by the IRA trustee to a charitable organization). This lowers both your adjusted gross income and taxable income, resulting in a lower overall tax liability. By excluding the IRA distribution from income, the provision provides a tax benefit to itemizers and non-itemizers, alike.



St. John the Baptist Renovation Update

As you can see from the photos, great progress has been made! The handicap entrance is almost complete!



St. John's is in the process of being fully insulated to keep us warm in the winter months.

We are looking forward to great celebrations here!

Make your New Year's Eve special by having your Marriage Blessed in the presence of God

If you are married, but not in the Catholic Church, you are invited to a

Marriage Validation Ceremony

Officiated by Bishop Mark O'Connell

Friday, December 31 at 6:00 PM

Saint Theresa Church, 63 Winter St., North Reading

Celebrate the sanctity of marriage by ending 2021 in this wonderful way, and together look forward to the blessings of 2022.

During the wedding ceremony, each couple will say their vows separately before Bishop O'Connell and their two witnesses.

To get more information about how to register, please contact the Regional Bishop's Office at 978-531-1013 or northregion@rcab.org.

There is no cost to the couple.

Since 2018 over 20 couples have participated in this joyous event.



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses will take place at Sacred Heart

Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24th

3:00 pm and 5:00 pm with Christmas Pageant

Christmas Day—Saturday, December 25th

8:30 am and 10:00 am

Sunday, December 26th—8:30 am 10:00 am



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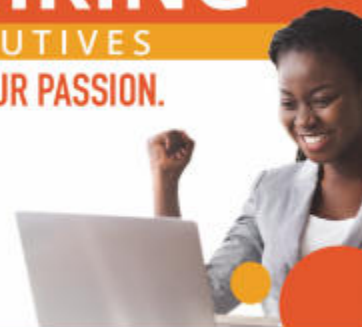
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