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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie	Pastor
Jeannie Garcia	Religious Ed. Coord.
Ellen Barbasso	Secretary

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 12 PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation

Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28

4:00 PM For Our Parishioners OL
5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, November 29

8:00 AM Eileen Fullen by Betsy Bosiak OL
10:00AM Donald Graves by His Loving Wife Janet SJ

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, **12 noon** OL
Wed., Thurs., Fri., **8 am** OL

Monday November 30 No Mass
Tuesday December 1 Intentions of Blake Kownack
Wednesday December 2 Donor's Intentions
Thursday December 3 Cleon Riel
Friday December 4 Erin Garry

Saturday, December 5

8:00 AM Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima OL
& Intentions of Linda Kownack
4:00 PM Intentions of Carmel & Matthew OL
by Ellen Barbasso
5:30 PM No Mass

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL
10:00 AM Gibeau Family by Marcel & Joyce Lebel SJ

Lay Ministries	November 28/29	December 5/6
	Eucharistic Ministers	
4 PM	Ben Brown	Michelle Clark
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	Virginia Drew	Jim Klingensmith
	Lectors	
4 PM	Donna Brown	Ben Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Karen Cote	Anne Boisvert
10 AM	Rob Rodler	Betsy Bosiak
	Altar Servers	
4 PM		
5:30 PM		
8 AM		
10 AM		

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget
Requirement: \$ 4,000

Weekend of November 15, 2020

Weekly Offering \$ 1,735

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent, and Treasure.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Parish Ministries

Serving God, Our Parish and Our Community

Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church

Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Take out dinners will be suspended until further notice.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.



READING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"We are the clay, you are the potter (Is 64:7)

Question of the Week

What does God want to reshape in your life this Advent?

HIS WORD TODAY

Be watchful! Be alert! Don't be caught unaware! Jesus warns his disciples in this Sunday's Gospel. We begin another Advent season of watching and waiting. For some it is a time of delight, waiting eagerly for Christmas, for anticipated gifts, for time off from work and school, for happy gatherings of family and friends. For others it is a dreaded time, as they approach their first holiday without a loved one or worry about how they will pay for the gifts and meals they want to provide. Whatever our situation, The Scripture readings today help us to adopt a stance of faithful watching and waiting,

Most of us find waiting very difficult. We try to eliminate it as much as possible with fast food, express lines and ever speedier Internet connections. Waiting for the end of a prolonged illness, or at the unemployment office, is another kind of torturous waiting. Waiting for the long-expected loved one can seem impossibly long. It is this last kind of waiting of which today's Gospel speaks: constant vigilance for the return of the Beloved who has entrusted everything to our care in the interim.

The time of waiting and watching is not idle biding of time or maintaining the status quo. In today's Gospel Jesus talks about each one having his or her own work to do and having been given the power to accomplish it. In Advent we call to mind again that divine power is revealed not in pyrotechnic displays of fire and quaking mountains, but in the immense love that comes in the form of a vulnerable child. Advent asks us, likewise, to both embody Christ and to watch for his presence in each one we meet, particularly those who are most needy. In the end it is not we but God who is faithful and watchful. It is God who shepherds us with gentle strength, God who cares for us like a vinedresser his vineyard. No matter what our circumstances, the Divine Potter can mold us into watchful and hopeful disciples.

The Will of God

will never take you where the

Grace of God will not protect you.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 31:33)

And so Advent begins with the call to be alert. There's one group of people, however, who don't need any reminding: children! They watch television ads intently, search the Internet eagerly, and pour over catalogues endlessly, looking for just the right gifts to ask for. We adults would do well to imitate their sense of wonder and enthusiasm.

Yes, Jesus urges us to be alert, but for what? For God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63 ;19). He wants us to look for ways that he can remove barriers between him and us.

Consider how God answered when the Israelites asked him to open heaven. He didn't just rend the heavens; he stepped through, gathered us in his arms, and invited us to join him for all eternity. Such astounding, abundant generosity!

You know how to give gifts to the people you love. How much more should you expect from God the Father? He loves you completely. He delights in you. He enjoys giving you good things. So go ahead, and ask him for something this Advent.

Maybe you need more patience or more self-control around holiday food and drink. Ask him! Maybe you'd like to feel his presence more concretely or hear him speak to your heart more clearly. Expect it! Then be alert for it as you pray.

Don't limit Jesus only to the small gifts. Open wide the doors of your heart, and let him give you new and unexpected gifts: joy, peace, gentleness, vision, courage. He may not answer exactly as you expect, but that's okay. Let his creativity surprise you. You can be sure that he will give you only good gifts, even if you can't recognize them right away. Just believe that when you ask, you will receive and when you seek, you will find.

The Knights of Columbus is collecting monetary donations for the Northwood and Pittsfield Food Pantry Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Donations will be accepted at this weekend's Mass or can be mailed to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 20 River Road, Pittsfield, NH, 03263.

Checks should be made out to the Knights of Columbus Council #11606.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.**

K of C 'Keep Christ in Christmas'
Poster Contest!

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest for children ages 5-14 years old. The poster contest helps to reinforce that Christmas is not the commercial holiday portrayed on TV, but an ultimate celebration of God's love of mankind through the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The entry form and details can be found in church and on the parish website.

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree tags are available this week at both churches. Items requested on the giving tags will be made into festive care packages for local Senior Citizens. If you are unable to pick up a tag, we are in need of toiletry items, packages of Christmas cookies, chocolates, candy, coffee, or tea. Donations should be returned as soon as possible. This event is joyfully hosted by the Parish Youth Council.

Due to the increasing number of Covid19 cases in the state, there will be a sign-in sheet at both church locations for contact tracing purposes. Please sign your name and phone number. If you do not wish to leave a number, please contact the rectory to make sure we have your current contact information on file.

We also ask that you stay at home if you are feeling ill, wear a mask, and sanitize your hands before Mass and Communion if possible.



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment. Then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *Father John wishes masks to be worn by all who attend any Mass. Thank You all for your anticipated compliance.*
- ◆ *The Month of November is a special month during which we remember all the deceased. Please pray for all those who have left us.*

Distribution of Holy Communion Outside of Mass will now be available after the dismissal of Mass at the following times:

Saturdays from 5:00 to 5:15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Sundays from 11:15-11:30am at St. Joseph's Church. Please wear a facial mask when entering the church and sanitize your hands before receiving the sacrament.

Distribution of Communion is only for parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to personal or family related health concerns. Receiving the Blessed Sacrament alone does not take the place of Sunday Mass. Parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Mass should also prayerfully participate in the Liturgy by viewing a Live Stream or Recorded Mass at home. If you have additional questions, please contact Father John at the rectory.

Be a Teacher

We believe that teachers are partners with parents in the education and formation of children. Teachers make a critical difference in the lives of children and teens and more often leave lasting impressions! The Diocese of Manchester Catholic Schools Office recognizes that talented teachers can come from a variety of different career paths. Thus, there are options for non-certified teachers to obtain certification in the areas in which they teach. For teachers who are not currently certified in the State of New Hampshire, there are pathways that currently exist to obtain certification while employed as a teacher in our schools. We are committed to employing individuals who are filled with a faith in Christ, and passionate about imparting knowledge to children and teens! For more information, please contact www.nh catholic schools.com.

Sharing the Gospel

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you're ready when he comes.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to stay ready for you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of people who help you stay ready for Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Play a quick game of baseball. Cheer for one another. End the game with a prayer that you will keep your eyes on Jesus.

 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

WATCH	COME	MIDNIGHT
READY	MASTER	DAWN
TIME	EVENING	MORNING

U W A T H O W Y S W U
M O R N I N G T I E L
A T Y U T K U A G V P
S U N H A Y C O M E Y
T I M E W I H P A N D
E C B W U E **W** I E I A
R E A D Y L A N O N L
Y H O A E I T E H G E
S A R W L S C P Y H W
M I D N I G **H** T W O R
A T E K U A O U S F I

 **MISSION**

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 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





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