

SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



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Horario: segunda, quarta y sexta feira / Oficina: lunes, miercoles y viernes

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DEVOTIONS / DEVOCÕES / DEVOCIONES

Miraculous Medal Novena	every Monday after Mass / cada lunes despues de la misa
Holy Hour (English & español)	every Thursday / cada jueves at 7 PM
Hora Santa (em Portugues)	todas as quintas feiras as 8 PM
Saint Joseph Chaplet	every 1 st Wednesday after 9 AM Mass

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021*

*Quatro Domingo do Advento
19 de Dezembro de 2021*

*Cuatro domingo de Adviento
19 de diciembre de 2021*

Offices at 17 Winter Street
Milford, Massachusetts 01757

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS / ALABANZA

All Masses are live streamed on our parish website & Facebook page, except for Sunday at 7:30 am.

Saturday:	4:00 pm (English) 19:00h (Missa Brasileira)
Sunday:	7:30 am (English) 9:00h (em Portugues) 10:30 am (English) 12:00 pm (en español)

Sunday morning Masses at 9, 10:30 and Noon are also broadcast over the Milford local cable access (Comcast 11 and Verizon 40)

ALL MASSES ARE HELD IN THE UPPER CHURCH.

Daily Mass:	Monday thorough Friday 9:00 AM
Lunes:	6:00 pm: Misa en español
Quartas e Sextas-feiras:	19:00 horas (em Portugues)

*We have gluten free hosts;
please see a priest or deacon before Mass.*

Confessions:

Saturday : 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the lower church or by appointment

Christian Initiation: (Baptisms):

in English: contact Parish Office for class & monthly schedule

Em Português: fala com Louisa no secretario.

en español: contactar Louisa en la oficina para inscribirse.

For children over 5 and adults: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process to meet individual circumstances, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

Ministry to the Sick: Ministers are available to visit any one confined to their home on a regular basis. Please notify our office. Communion is brought on a regular basis to Milford Regional Medical Center, please call the office to be anointed.

Marriage: Couples planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact the Parish preferably at least one year before the proposed date.

Holy Orders & Religious Life: If you or someone you know is interested in dedicating his or her life to Christ and the Church as a priest, deacon or vowed religious, please contact one of the priests, or the diocesan Director of Vocations at 508-630-4473 or at www.worcestervocations.com.

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Parish Information



Saturday, December 18, 2021

4:00 pm.. + Barbara Coppinger, (Dot Cozzens) (Streamed)
+ William Savitski & Carol Stockton, (Jerry & Cathy)

7:00 pm + Missa em Portugues (Streamed)

Sunday, December 19, 2021 4th Sunday in Advent

7:30 am...+ Antonio Valenca, 27th Anniversary, (Family)
+ Inocencio P. daCruz, (Family)

9:00 am. + Missa em Portugues (Streamed)

10:30 am..+ Adelaide Henriques, (Jessica McGuire) (Streamed)
+ Alberto Fonseca, (Family)

12:00 pm + Misa en español (Streamed)

Monday, December 20, 2021

9:00 am...+ Eileen Minnehan Danforth, (Barbara Minnehan) (Streamed)
+ Raymond Vernon, 3rd Anniv. (Cepta Vernon)

6:00 pm. + Misa en español

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

5:30 am ... Misa Aguinaldo (in St Joseph Chapel)

9:00 am...+ Joao & Julia Gomes & Family, (Family) (Streamed)
+ Albano & Alice Morais, (Family)

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

5:30 am ... Misa Aguinaldo (in St Joseph Chapel)

9:00 am...+ Philip W. Morin, (Don & Sue Palmer) (Streamed)
+ Rosa & Amadeu Pinto, (Maria Fontes)

7:00 pm + Missa em Portugues (Streamed)

Thursday, December 23, 2021

5:30 am ... Misa Aguinaldo (in St Joseph Chapel)

9:00 am.. + Richard Rizzi, Jerry & Cathy (Streamed)
+ Manuel & Julio Peniche, (Family)

Friday, December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve

9:00 am ... NO Morning MASS

4:00 pm.... + Mass (English with children's pageant) (Streamed)

7:00 pm.... + Mass (Portuguese) (Streamed)

9:00 pm.... + Mass (Spanish) (Streamed)

12:00 am... + Solemn Mass at Midnight (English) (Streamed)

**All Masses take place in the Main Upper Church
If there is a need for overflow,
the Mass will be livestreamed to the lower church.**

Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Day

9:00 am... + Mass (Portuguese) (Streamed)

10:30 am..+ Mass (English) (Streamed)

12:00 pm..+ Mass (Spanish) (Streamed)

4:00 pm ... NO Evening Mass

7:00 pm ... Não Missa em Portugues

Sunday, December 26, 2021 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 am...+ Joaquim Valenca & Parents, (Family)
+ Maria DaCosta & Joao daCruz & Family, (Family)

9:00 am. + Missa em Portugues (Streamed)

10:30 am..+ Anthony Joseph Clemente, (Mom & Dad) (Streamed)
+ Arthur Tromblay, (Mary Castrucci & Family)

12:00 pm + Misa del Divino Niño (Streamed)

Stewardship

As the Christmas holiday approaches, we are in full swing with repair and renovation work that we have been organizing since the summer. The roof on the rectory is now repaired, the slate roof of the church is being patched with new slate and the side stairways redone. The lower church is nearing completion for use for overflow for Christmas Masses, if needed. New lighting is in place, the walls are cleaned and painted. The Stations have been refurbished and the floor stripped, cleaned, waxed and buffed to shine. The pews have been spaced further apart and we are hoping for new kneeler covers soon. There are still some details we are working on, but it is coming together so that we can move our daily Mass after Christmas and still be able to stream our liturgies.

Our parish was represented at the latest Building Commission meeting and we are awaiting word on moving forward to choose a designer and architect and move forward to make decisions for the renovation and painting of the upper church.



Financials

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 5, 2021

Weekly Offering (collected at Mass December 5, 2021)	\$7,458.70
WeShare	\$0.00
Electronic Giving December 5, 2021	\$367.00
Other Income (Candles, Flowers & Utilities, Holydays)	\$3,466.00
Gross Weekly Offering	\$11,291.70
5% Tithe to be Dispersed Quarterly	-\$391.00
Net Weekly Offering	\$10,900.70

DESIGNATED DONATIONS

Monies donated for specific purposes

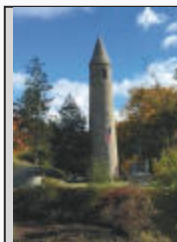
Cemetery	\$20.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00
Second Collection	\$1,521.51
Loose Cash (Legacy of Hope)	\$1,606.00
Blue Envelope for Renovations (not OFOF pledge \$)	\$1,331.00
Total Designated Receipts	\$4,498.51

Total other income **\$4,498.51**

Total Weekly Receipts (December 5, 2021) **\$15,790.21**

**During the pandemic, electronic giving is safe and secure for both
our parishioners and our parish staff.**

**Our thanks to the 400 families who have made this choice already.
Please consider joining them! Venmo is also a way to give now.**



Requiescat en Pacem

In your kindness, please remember

**Teresa Zacchilli, Rose Marie Rovedo,
and the students killed by a classmate
in Michigan at Oxford High School**

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

A Message from Father Peter

Dear Parishioners,

Aguinaldo is the Spanish word for a Christmas bonus. Often we think of a bonus as a reward or additional pay that an employer gives to his employees or staff. But in the Spanish language, the meaning of the word is the gift that a person gives to the Christ Child as a birthday gift. If Christmas is more than a holiday, more than shopping and exchanging presents, more than decorating and baking, if it is understood to be all of that because it is the birth of our Savior to save us from our sin and ransom us from death, then it makes sense that a true Aguinaldo is a gift that WE would give to Christ rather than simply something extra that we expect in life.

In many Latin American countries there are various devotions that are celebrated at this time of year to inspire the faithful to be better people and to imitate the generosity and charity of God who sent His Son, in our own humanity, to save us. In Mexico, the practice is for nine nights, just before Christmas to remember the journey of Saint Joseph and Our Lady as they traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census, seeking shelter each night of their journey. It is done with music and instruments as a group of the faithful travel from house to house until finally they are admitted as the holy couple was long ago for the night. Then there is a prayer service, more songs and refreshments. The purpose is to remember during these days that God is found in the unexpected and arduous details of all of our lives as He was to the holy couple that first Christmas centuries ago.

In Puerto Rico, the custom is to celebrate a novena of Misas Aguinaldo. Sometimes called the Mass of the rooster, it probably comes from an ancient practice of rising before dawn to help wake the sun. Since the days are shorter, the sun rises later each day, the practice may have begun to rise early and help to 'wake the dawn' so that the sun would remember to rise each day. Of course, the first Christians would have translated this practice as that of preparing to welcome the 'true Light of the World' whose birth is purposefully celebrated at this darkest time of the year. So, instead of the traditional 9, we will celebrate 3 here in Milford. On the mornings of Tuesday, December 21st, Wednesday, December 22nd, and Thursday, December 23rd, we invite you to join us in the center chapel at 17 Winter Street at 5:30 am. Yes, that is not a typographical error, it really is THAT early, before dawn. Light refreshments will be served after Mass, but the timing is to allow students to get to school or workers to get to their jobs. Last year we couldn't celebrate this tradition because of the curfew for night travel, so we hope bringing it back this year will be appreciated and some will come to make an Aguinaldo to the Lord for his birth. When we think about people who stay up all night or woke early for black Friday shopping, this is a small sacrifice for our own holiness to celebrate the coming of the One who is the Holy of Holies in our midst.

Our time of waiting is coming to an end. The circle of light is complete of the four candles on our Advent wreath. Let us take hold of this remaining opportunity to prepare our hearts and make ready the coming of the Lord among us.

A Look Back ... A New Organ Part 2

For the dedication, Professor O'Shea, a native Milfordian and former parishioner opened with a Prelude composed by George E. Whiting, his former teacher. He followed with his own composition, "Offertory in E." He followed with other works from Mendelssohn, Wagner, Irish airs, several operatic pieces and ended with an encore of the "William Tell Overture." All were impressed by his skill and the tone and quality of the instrument. A review made note that the skill of Mr. O'Shea had enabled the organ "To pour forth its beauties of melody, its crescendos and diminuendos with startling intensity." It noted this was because of the many stops and the intricate construction of the organ.

The Milford Daily News in its admiration of the excellence of the former instrument, detailed the specifications of the organ as such, "The use of the swell box which encloses the stops of the organ, enables the organist to change the effect of pistons and pedals at any moment by arranging the adjusters for the desired selection before beginning to play. It was a marvel of ingenuity, as the mechanism moved the stops and released them at the close of the action. The organ embodied all the latest improvements and developments in organ construction and contained in reality four organs: Swell, Great, Choir and Pedal; the front pipes being speaking pipes decorated with pure gold leaf." It had 696 pipes, with a range of five octaves. The swell organ had 870 pipes and the Choir Organ had 464 pipes. To accommodate this grand instrument, Fr. McGrath had to extend the choir loft for it to fit adequately. The organ had remained in the choir loft at Saint Mary's Church for 85 years and had been played by several musicians over the course of its life there. Over the objections of the parishioners, and never having revealed his reasons, Fr. Foran sold it to a parish in Hardwick. An electronic organ by Hammond was installed in its place, this is a photo from 1981 showing the choir loft after its installation.



Parish Information

4th Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

1st Reading Old Testament: Micah 5:1-4a (12C)

2nd Reading New Testament: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Our Meditation: "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

Our Response: When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

"Whatever you did to the least of these,
You did to me."
Matthew 25: 40



St. Mary's Food with Friends invites all those who hope for a delicious meal with friendly people to join us. We will offer a served lunch in the small hall for all who have been vaccinated this Thursday, December 23, 2021, from 11:30 - 12:30 at 17 Winter Street. It is our pleasure to respond to God's call by serving you.

Confessions
Sunday, December 19th at 3 pm
(before Lessons & Carols)
Tuesday, December 21st from 11 am
to 12 Noon and 7 to 8 pm

NO Confessions on Saturday, December 25th

2021 Christmas Ornament on sale

As we have for the past couple of years we have commissioned a new collectible ornament for this year using the refurbished window of the Nativity. There is an inscription on the back with this year included. This full color ornament comes in an attractive gift box for gift giving.

This year's ornaments are available for \$20 each. There are also ornaments available from 2019 and 2020 for \$15 each.



Service of Lessons & Carols



Join Us Today!

at 4 pm

A twinning event
between

Saint Mary's Parish and
Trinity Episcopal Church

The service is comprised of a series of readings, carols, and prayers to remember the expectation for the promised Savior and help us prepare for his coming at Christmas. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken during the service.

Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. If you or someone you know are hurting from a past abortion, God's mercy awaits you! Call Project Rachel in strictest confidence at 508-791-HOPE (4673) to begin your healing journey. Learn more about the Catholic Church's Project Rachel ministry at www.hopeafterabortion.com



Rachel ministry

Milford Christmas Tree Pickup

The Boy Scout Units of Milford will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Pick Up on Sunday January 2, 2022, from 8am to 1pm. Scouts request all trees be placed curbside no later than 8:00 a.m. on the pickup day. The Scouts will go door to door to collect and recycle the trees for a donation of \$8 per tree with all money directly benefiting the unit collecting within your area.



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

Please leave your donation (cash or personal check) in an envelope attached directly to the tree. Checks may be made payable to "The Boy Scouts of America". Thank you for your support.



Fr. Peter, Fr. Victor, Deacon Dave and the entire Staff of St. Mary's Parish wish all our Parishioners a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

**2021 LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE
for the
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at
SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, DECEMBER 24, 2021

- 4:00 pm Mass (English *with children's pageant*)
- 7:00 pm Mass (Portuguese)
- 9:00 pm Mass (Spanish)
- 12:00 am Solemn Mass at Midnight (English)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, DECEMBER 25, 2021

- 9:00 am Mass at Dawn (Portuguese)
- 10:30 am Mass (English)
- 12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Feast of the Holy Family

No Evening Masses on Saturday, December 25th

Sunday, DECEMBER 26, 2021

- 7:30 am (English)
- 9:00 am (Portuguese)
- 10:30 am Mass (English)
- 12:00 pm Mass del Divino Niño (Spanish)

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

**This feast is NOT a holy day of obligation for 2022
Friday, DECEMBER 31, 2021**

- 6:00 pm Family Holy Hour & Benediction
- 7:00 pm Mass (Portuguese)

New Year's Day

Saturday, JANUARY 1, 2022

- 10:30 am (English)
 - 12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)
- Procession for Our Lady of the Cloud precedes the Mass*

Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2, 2022

**Masses will follow the usual Saturday and
Sunday schedule on January 1st and 2nd for
Sunday Masses.**

Did You Know?

Educational Materials on the Danger of Abuse

The overwhelming majority of our clergy and lay leaders are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to serving the People of God in our parishes and schools. All of us together are responsible for making sure that all of our ministries are as safe as possible for our children and young people. That means each of us has a responsibility to educate ourselves about the real danger of sexual abuse. For particular help you may call: *Worcester Diocese, Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363*

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judith Audette at the Office of Healing and Prevention, (508-929-4363) or in writing, to the Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA. 01609.

Raffle tickets are available from Knights of Columbus members, at St. Mary's and Sacred Churches or contact John Ciesla ((703) 895-3929 or ciesla.john@aol.com) for information. Assembled snow blower will be delivered to winner's specified (local) location.



Saint Joseph Chaplet



In a revelation in Brazil, Saint Joseph asked that the first Wednesday of each month be dedicated to him and his Most Chaste Heart in prayer. To those who make the 9 first Wednesdays (*similar to the promise of nine first Fridays to the Sacred Heart*), he promised special graces to the sick and dying. This revelation included the 7 Sorrows and Joys of Saint Joseph and special prayers for his chaplet. We will pray the chaplet in the Saint Joseph Chapel of the Parish Center **Wednesday, January 5, 2022 the 1st Wednesday of the month.**

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. Someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Ways to Support Her When She Unexpectedly Expecting"



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Keeper of Promises

Father, you keep your promises to Sarah, to Hannah, to Elizabeth, to Mary, to your people Israel. You have promised to heal the world and to fill it with your love like water fills the sea. Help us to wait in hope. Give us food for the journey that our eyes might see your salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



Sunday, December 19, 2021

Blessed Are You Who Believed

Today's readings: Micah 5:1–4a; Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; Hebrews 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45.

In the season of Advent, we look to those who watched and waited for Jesus when he first came into the world. The people of Israel, who first heard the words of the



prophets, were waiting. The prophets spoke God's Word to them and gave them hope. They described the one who would come and the kingdom he would bring. Micah says his greatness extends to the ends of the earth. Mary waited for the messiah throughout her early life. But she waited for Jesus in a way unique to her. When she was invited to be part of this completely new thing God was doing, she said yes with her whole heart. And then she set out Elizabeth's words to Mary communicate something important. "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary is blessed because she knew that God was a keeper of promises. As we wait in hope, we can meditate on this truth. Take some time to think about what we hope for. We often worry about the conditions of the world. The weight of its brokenness can be hard to bear. But God keeps promises.

In the words of the prophets and in the life of Jesus, a new possibility is revealed. Take some time today to meditate on the possibility of a world filled with God's love, governed by justice and peace to the ends of the earth .

This Week at Home

Monday, December 20
Nothing Impossible

"Nothing will be impossible for God." It is easy to be discouraged when confronting a struggle. People have cried out to God throughout salvation history, longing to heal the brokenness in their lives and in the world. God's solution came in a way beyond their comprehension: God coming to experience human life and thereby redeem it. Consider illustrating this Gospel passage or copying the Scripture. While you are reflecting, meditate on these words: "Nothing will be impossible for God." What are the seeming impossibilities in your life? Where might God provide solutions beyond your imagination?



Today's readings: Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4ab, 5–6; Luke 1:26–38.

Tuesday, December 21
The Visitation

Imagine yourself alongside the newly pregnant Mary as she goes "in haste" across eighty miles of rough terrain, seeking out someone also experiencing a miraculous pregnancy. What did she see, hear, and think about as she was walking? We know that John the Baptist leapt for joy within his mother at the sound of Mary's voice. What do you think Elizabeth felt when John leapt for joy?

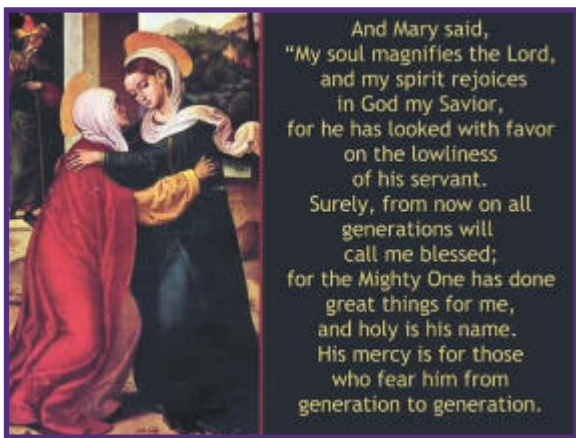
Today's readings: Song of Songs 2:8–14 or Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Psalm 33:2–3, 11–12, 20–21; Luke 1:39–45



Wednesday, December 22 He Has Lifted Up the Lowly

Mary proclaims the Magnificat, her song of praise to God, in Luke 1:46–56. Copy the Scripture. Which words particularly speak to you? While reading the Scriptures, we see how God has acted in history. This can help us to see what God is doing today. How do you see God acting as Mary proclaims?

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 1:24–28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4–8; Luke 1:46–56



Thursday, December 23 Great Mercy

In today's Gospel, the birth of John is described as "the Lord had shown his great mercy toward" Elizabeth. When have you experienced God's mercy? God kept the promise to Elizabeth, and in doing so, kept the promise of the prophets of old, that one would prepare the way of the Lord.



Today's readings: Malachi 3:1–4, 23–24; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 8–9, 10, 14; Luke 1:57–66

Friday, December 24 Nativity Scene

Laying out a Nativity can be a contemplative experience. If you have already set up a Nativity, spend some time sitting before it in silent prayer. What do you notice? Did you know that St. Francis of Assisi put together the first Nativity? Nativities have helped Christians to pray about the incarnation for hundreds of years.

Today's readings: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Luke 1:67–79



Saturday, December 25 Joy to the World!

Today we celebrate the incarnation, God becoming human that we might share in God's divine life. We might wonder why God would choose to become something so vulnerable as a new baby. Why would God want to enter into the human condition, with all its limitations? Why would God enter into a world with sadness and suffering, and death? He came to open the way to a new possibility: a kingdom marked by justice, peace, and life. God's love is more than anything we can imagine, and God's will is for us to live in that love.

Today's readings: Night: Isaiah 9:1–6; Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 11–12, 13; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14 ; Dawn: Isaiah 62:11–12; Psalm 97:1, 6, 11–12; Titus 3:4–7; Luke 2:15–20; Day: Isaiah 52:7–10; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Hebrews 1:1–6; John 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14

QUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVENTO

Domingo, 19 de Dezembro de 2021



GUARDIÃO DE PROMESSAS

Pai, você mantém suas promessas para Sarah, para Hannah, para Isabel, para Maria, ao seu povo Israel. Você prometeu curar o mundo e preenchê-lo com o

seu amor como a água enche o mar. Ajude-nos a esperar com esperança. Dê-nos comida para a jornada para que nossos olhos possam ver a sua salvação. Por Cristo nosso Senhor. Amem.

BEM-AVENTURADO É TU QUE ACREDITASTE

No tempo do Advento, olhamos para aqueles que observaram e esperaram por Jesus quando ele veio pela primeira vez ao mundo. O povo de Israel, que primeiro ouviu as palavras dos profetas, estava esperando. Os profetas falaram a Palavra de Deus a eles e lhes deram esperança. Eles descreveram quem viria e o reino que ele traria. Micah diz que sua grandeza se estende até os confins da terra. Maria esperou pelo messias durante toda a sua infância. Mas ela esperou por Jesus de uma forma única para ela. Quando ela foi convidada para fazer parte dessa coisa completamente nova que Deus estava fazendo, ela disse sim de todo o coração. E então ela partiu.

As palavras de Isabel para Maria comunicam algo importante. "Bem-aventurados são vocês que acreditaram que o que o Senhor lhes disse seria cumprido." Maria é abençoada porque ela sabia que Deus era um guardador de promessas. Enquanto esperamos com esperança, podemos meditar nesta verdade. Reserve algum tempo para pensar sobre o que esperamos. Frequentemente nos preocupamos com as condições do mundo. O peso de seu quebrantamento pode ser difícil de suportar. Mas Deus cumpre as promessas. Nas palavras dos profetas e na vida de Jesus, uma nova possibilidade se revela. Reserve um tempo hoje para meditar sobre a possibilidade de um mundo cheio do amor de Deus, governado pela justiça e pela paz até os confins da terra.

LECIONÁRIO DA SEMANA

Data e Festa	1ª Leitura	Evangelho
Segunda 20 de Dezembro	Is 7:10-14	Lc 1:26-38
Terça 21 de Dezembro São Pedro Canisius	Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a	Lc 1:39-45
Quarta 22 de Dezembro	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lc 1:46-56
Quinta 23 de Dezembro São João de Kanty	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lc 1:57-66
Sexta 24 de Dezembro Vespera de Natal	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Lc 1:67-79
Sabado 25 de Dezembro Dia de Natal	(Dia) Is 52:7-10	Jn 1:1-18

26 DE DEZEMBRO—FESTA DA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA

1ª Leitura	2ª Leitura	Evangelho
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28	1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24	Lc 2:41-52



Se você deseja ajudar, entre em contato com a Pastoral Social (1-508-330-2046)

Ou faça a entrega de suas doações nas missas de Sábado que acontecem às 7PM.

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- Ao entrar e sentar-se
- Durante a procissão de comunhão
- Ao sair da igreja até fora

As máscaras podem ser removidas enquanto você está sentado durante as leituras, homilia e orações, se isso ajudar no seu conforto durante a adoração. Nossa preocupação é que os jovens não possam ser vacinados e queremos que eles se sintam respeitados e seguros quando estiverem entre nós.

CONFISSÕES

- Domingo, 19 de Dezembro às 15h (antes das Aulas e Canções de Natal)
- Terça-feira, 21 de Dezembro das 11h às 12h e das 19h às 20h

NÃO A CONFISSÕES no sábado, 25 de Dezembro



2021 ORNAMENTO DE NATAL À VENDA

Como temos feito nos últimos dois anos, encomendamos um novo ornamento colecionável para este ano usando a janela reformada da Natividade. Há uma inscrição na parte de trás com este ano incluído. Este enfeite colorido vem em uma caixa de presente atraente para dar de presente. Os enfeites deste ano estão disponíveis por \$ 20 cada.

Também há ornamentos disponíveis a partir de 2019 e 2020 por \$ 15 cada.



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MISSAS EM PORTUGUES:

Quarta-feira - 7:00pm Sábado - 7:00pm
Sexta-feira - 7:00pm Domingo - 9:00am

TERÇA-FEIRA:

- **Terço dos Homens** - 8:00pm-Na Capela-Marco Tulio 508-328-9630

QUARTA-FEIRA:

- **Mães que Oram Pelos Filhos:** 7:30pm-Na Capela de São José-Jaxele 774-287-5760

QUINTA-FEIRA:

- **Adoração:** 8:00pm à 9:00pm-Na Igreja
- **Grupo de Jovens** -7:30pm No Salão (15 em 15 dias) Andreia 508-202-3106

SEXTA-FEIRA:

- **Grupo de Oração Renascer (RCC)** 7:00pm-Na Capela-Wesley 774-244-1934
- **Sagrado Coração (Apostolado de Oração):**7:45pm-Primeira sexta-feira do mes-Selma 508-783-8150

CONTATOS PARA OBTER MAIS INFORMAÇÕES SOBRE:

Batismo, Casamento ou Confissão: Entrar em contato com a secretária no número 508-473-2000 (ramal 2 para portugueses)

Catequese: Goreth Neves 508-353-8158

Liturgia: Lucia Santos-508-271-5090

Pastoral Familiar: Karol Bruno 508-282-0767 e Monica Reis 508-328-0291

Pastoral Social: Isabel 508-765-7359 e Sônia 508-330-2046

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

DOMINGO, 19 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021



FIEL A SUS PROMESAS

Padre, tú has cumplido tus promesas a Sara y Ana, a Isabel y a María, y a Israel, tu pueblo. Has prometido sanar el mundo y llenarlo

con tu amor como el agua llena los mares. Sostennos la esperanza. Danos alimento en el camino y que nuestros ojos vean tu salvación. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

¡DICHOSA PORQUE HAS CREÍDO!

En el tiempo de Adviento, contemplamos a quienes vieron y aguardaron a Jesús cuando vino por primera vez al mundo. El pueblo que escuchó por vez primera las palabras de los profetas se puso en espera. Los profetas describieron al que vendría y el reino que traería. Miqueas dice que su grandeza se extiende hasta los confines de la tierra. Aunque toda su vida María esperó al mesías, esperó a Jesús de una manera única. Cuando fue llamada a ser parte de algo completamente nuevo que Dios estaba realizando, dijo sí con todo su corazón. Y luego se puso en camino. El saludo de Isabel a María comunica algo importante. “¡Dichosa tú que creíste! Porque se cumplirá lo que el Señor te anunció”. María sabía que Dios cumple las promesas a sus antepasados. Mientras esperamos, meditemos esta verdad. Dedique tiempo a meditar lo que esperamos. A menudo nos preocupamos por las condiciones lamentables del mundo, difíciles de soportar. Pero Dios cumple sus promesas. Las palabras de los profetas y la vida de Jesús nos revelan una nueva posibilidad. Este día, medite la posibilidad de un mundo lleno del amor de Dios, gobernado por la justicia y el derecho y en paz hasta los rincones más remotos de la tierra.

2021 CALENDARIO LITURGICO DE NATAL E ANO NOVO
Paroquia Santa Maria da Assunção

VESPERA DE NATAL

SEXTA-FEIRA, 24 DE DEZEMBRO, 2021

Todas as missas serão na Igreja de cima

4:00 pm - Missa - (Inglês)
7:00 pm - Missa - (em Português)
9:00 pm—Missa (Espanhol)
12 Meia-noite - Missa - (Inglês)

DIA DE NATAL

SABADO, 25 DE DEZEMBRO, 2021

9:00 am - Missa - (Português)
10:30 am - Missa - (Inglês)
12:00 pm - Missa - (Espanhol)

Festa da Sagrada Familia

DOMINGO, 26 de DEZEMBRO, 2021

Não a missas no sabado da tarde
Missas em domingo de costume

VESPERA DE ANO NOVO

SEXTA-FEIRA, 31 DE DEZEMBRO, 2021

6:00 pm—Hora Santa com Bênção
7:00 pm - Missa - (Portugues)

DIA DE ANO NOVO

SABADO, 1 DE JANEIRO, 2022

10:30 am - Missa - (Inglês)
12:00 pm - Missa - (Espanhol)

LECCIONARIO POR ESTA SEMANA

Fecha y Fiesta	1ª Lectura	Evangelio
Lunes, el 20 de Diciembre	Is 7:10-14	Lc 1:26-38
Martes, el 21 de Diciembre <i>San Pedro Canisio</i>	Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a	Lc 1:39-45
Miércoles, el 22 de Diciembre	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lc 1:46-56
Jueves, el 23 de Diciembre <i>San Juan de Kety</i>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lc 1:57-66
Viernes, el 24 de Diciembre <i>La Noche Buena</i>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16	Lc 1:67-79
Sábado, el 25 de Diciembre <i>EL DIA DE LA NAVIDAD</i>	(Dia) Is 52:7-10	Jn 1:1-18

EL 26 DE DICIEMBRE— LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

1ª Lectura	2da Lectura	Evangelio
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28	1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24	Lc 2:41-52

ADORNO DE NAVIDAD 2021 A LA VENTA

Como lo hemos hecho durante los últimos años, hemos encargado un nuevo adorno de colección para este año utilizando la ventana renovada de la Natividad. Hay una inscripción en la parte posterior con este año incluido. Este adorno a todo color viene en una atractiva caja de regalo para regalar. Los adornos de este año están disponibles por \$ 20 cada uno.



También hay adornos disponibles a partir de 2019 y 2020 por \$ 15 cada uno.

CONFESIONES

Hoy, el 19 de diciembre a las 3 pm
Martes, el 21 de diciembre a las 11 al mediodía y de 7 a las 8 pm
No habrá confesiones este Viernes o Sábado por la Navidad



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- en Lunes el **3 de enero de 2021** en el pequeño salón después de la misa de las 6:00 pm.

Calendario Mensual de Actividades

ACTIVIDAD	DIA	HORA	LUGAR
Misa dominical	Domingos	12:00 pm	Iglesia principal
Misa semanal	Lunes	6:00 pm	Capilla del Centro
Juan XXIII	Lunes	7:00 pm	Salón pequeño
Rosario	Miércoles	7:00 pm	Sala de la Comunidad
Hora Santa	Jueves	7:00 pm	Iglesia principal
Charlas de bautismo	Último Jueves de Cada Mes	7:30 pm	Salón grande
Bautismo afuera misa Privados	Un Sábado al Mes	2:00 pm	Iglesia principal
Confesiones	Sábados	3-3:30 pm	Iglesia principal

2021 CALENDARIO LITURGICO DE LA NAVIDAD Y DEL AÑO NUEVO Parroquia Santa María de la Asunción

LA NOCHE BUENA

VIERNES, EL 24 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021
Todas las misas estarán celebrada en la iglesia principal

4:00 pm Misa (ingles)
7:00 pm Misa (portugués)
9:00 pm Misa (español)
12:00 am Misa Solemne de la Medianoche (ingles)

EL DIA DE LA NAVIDAD

SABADO, EL 25 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021
9:00 am Misa (portugués)
10:30 am Misa (ingles)
12:00 pm Misa (español)

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DOMINGO, EL 26 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021

12:00 pm Misa del Divino Niño (español)
Las misas a las horas costumbres del domingo
(no hay misas el sábado en la tarde)

SOLEMNIDAD DE MARIA, LA MADRE DE DIOS

No es día de obligación este año
VIERNES, EL 31 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021

7:00 pm Misa (portugués)
SÁBADO, EL 1 DE ENERO DE 2022

10:30 am Misa (ingles)
12:00 pm Misa de Nuestra Señora de la Nube (español) *Empezando con una procesión antes de la misa*

CUBRIMIENTOS FACIALES DURANTE LA MISA

Como anunciamos el, con nuestros jóvenes regresando a las clases de educación religiosa y a la misa dominical como parte de su instrucción, les pedimos a los feligreses que usen algo para cubrirse la cara durante cualquier movimiento durante la misa. Por lo tanto, estamos solicitando que se usen cubiertas para el rostro dentro de la iglesia:

- **Al entrar y tomar asiento**
- **Durante el proceso de comunión**
- **Al salir de la iglesia hasta afuera**

Las máscaras se pueden quitar mientras está sentado durante las lecturas, la homilía y las oraciones si eso le ayuda a sentirse cómodo durante la adoración. Nuestra preocupación es que los jóvenes no puedan ser vacunados y queremos que se sientan respetados y seguros cuando están entre nosotros.

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