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DECEMBER 26, 2021 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



St. Anthony

ST. ELIZABETH SETON

ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL

ST. PATRICK

ST. THOMAS CHAPEL

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

St. Anthony:* 4:00pm St. Elizabeth Seton: 4:00pm St. Patrick: 6:00pm Brazilian Mass

SUNDAY

St. Anthony:* 7:30am, 8:45am, 11:00am
St. Elizabeth Seton: 8:30am, 10:00am
St. Patrick: 9:00am, 5:00pm
*All Masses at St. Anthony church are live-streamed

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Anthony*

St. Elizabeth Seton

St. Patrick:

8:00 AM Monday - Friday

9:00 AM Tuesday - Thursday

8:00 AM Saturday

Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,

because he will save his people from their sins. - Matthew 1:20-21

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Weekday Masses

St. Anthony: Mon. thru Fri. 8am St. Anthony: Mon. 6-7pm Live-stream available

St. Elizabeth Seton: Tue., Wed. &Thú. at 9am

St. Patrick: Sat. 8am

Confessions

Sat 3-3:45pm

St. Elizabeth Seton: Thu 9:30am

Sat 3-3:45pm

St. Patrick: First Saturdays after 8am Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Anthony: Monday 6-7pm concluding with Benediction (ex. holidays)

St. Patrick: First Fridays at 12 noon concluding with Benediction at 3pm

St. Anthony Church St. Anthony Cemetery

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St. Anthony

Sanctuary Lamp: Phillip F Losordo

Sunday, Dec 26

7:30am: Parishioners

8:45am: Ed & Ellen McSweeney

11:00am: Margarite Barbarita, 1st Ann., Michael

Barbarita Sr, Mary Lou Vastano

Mon, Dec 27, 8:00am: John Murray Tue, Dec 28, 8:00am: Alfred Meier Wed, Dec 29, 8:00am: Edward O'Keefe

Thu, Dec 30, 8:00am: James Rich Fri, Dec 31, 8:00am: Jack Costigan

4:00pm: World Peace

Saturday, Jan 1

11:00am: John & Johnny Rebelo & Family

4:00pm: Parishioners

Sunday, Jan 2

7:30am: Kiera Chirdon 8:45am: Roger Gonsalves Jr 11:00am: Ilda Domingos

St. Patrick

Sunday, Dec 26

9:00am: Bill Getman5:00pm: Tracy Gallagher

Saturday, Jan 1

8:00am: Parishioners

Sunday, Dec 26

9:00am: Michael Francis McLaughlin Jr

5:00pm: Raymond Gagnon

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP CLOSED

Due to rising COVID numbers and to keep our volunteers and patrons safe, the SVDP Thrift Shop will be temporarily closed beginning Friday, December 24th. The Shop will reopen in January or February depending on the development of the virus. NO DONATIONS will be accepted during this time. Thank you for you understanding.

St. Elizabeth Seton

Sunday, Dec 26

8:30am: Fr Raymond C Mann, OFC

10:00am: Henry Desautel

Tues, Dec 28, 9:00am: Pauline & Edmund Corcoran

Wed, Dec 29, 9:00am: Joseph & Della Dolan

Thu, Dec 30, 9:00am: Mary Tansey

Friday, Dec 31

4:00pm: Parishioners

Saturday, Jan 1 9:00am:

4:00pm: Fr Joseph Powers

Sunday, Jan 2

8:30am: Angelina Correia

10:00am: John Aziz

Parish Support

We thank you, parishioners and guests alike, for your support of our parish community. Please note, now that we are a unified parish, <u>all checks should be made out to "St. Joseph Parish."</u> The banks will soon not allow us to deposit checks in the parish account made out to the individual churches (St. Anthony, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Patrick). God bless you for your generosity.

St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family Parish

December 11/12

1st Collection-Parish Operations: \$13,309.00 2nd Collection-*Religious Retirement Fund:* \$5,882.00

Online Month of November: \$21,544.50 St. Thomas Renovation to Date: \$76,532.00 Next Week Second Collection: *Faith Formation*

St. Joseph Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, January 6th at 10:00 AM in the basement of St. Anthony's Church. New members or interested persons are most welcome to join!

Holy Day Masses around St. Joseph Parish Come Celebrate our Faith!

NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING MASSES ON **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Sunday Dec. 26

St. Anthony: 7:30, 8:45, 11 AM St. Elizabeth Seton: 8:30, 10 AM St. Patrick Brazilian: 11 AM

St. Patrick: 9 AM, 5 PM





SOLEMNITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Friday Dec. 31 Vigil Saturday Jan. 1

St. Anthony: 4 PM St. Elizabeth Seton: 4 PM

St. Patrick: 8 AM St. Elizabeth Seton: 9 AM St. Anthony: 11 AM

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday Jan. 1 Vigil

St. Anthony: 4 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton: 4 PM

St. Patrick Brazilian: 6 PM

Sunday Jan. 2

St. Anthony: 7:30, 8:45, 11 AM

St. Elizabeth Seton: 8:30, 10 AM

St. Patrick: 9 AM, 5 PM





MASK: SHOULD I OR SHOULDN'T I?

While at the publication of this bulletin there is no mandate for the use of masks indoors, with the increasing numbers of positive COVID cases and high attendance at services, we would highly recommend the use of face masks during the Mass. Thank you for your consideration.

AROUND THE AREA

CURSILLO

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. In Cursillo one can encounter Christ in a small Christian community. It can deepen our faith and strengthen our ability to share our faith with others. Cursillos are hosted by Holy Cross Retreat House in Easton. The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday evening. The cost is \$160 per person. Financial aid is available. The 2022 dates are: For Men: Feb 3-5 and Mar 24-27. For Women: Feb 24-27 and April 21-24. For more information contact Holy Cross Retreat House at 508 238-2051 or www.retreathouse.org.

SCRIPTURE RETREAT

Each year Holy Cross Retreat House offers a Scripture Retreat. This year it will be held on the weekend of January 28-30, 2022. This year's theme is: *The Parables of Luke*. The cost is \$145 per person. For more information contact Holy Cross Retreat House at 508 238-2051 or www.retreathouse.org.

SEASONS OF HOPE

NEED SOME HELP GETTING THROUGH YOUR GRIEF?



Our Seasons of Hope Zoom group that begins Saturday, January 8 at 10am is here for you. Based on Scripture and Catholic traditions, it brings consolation, hope and

new friends in Christ. Sign up now to receive program materials. Call Donna 508 477-1401 or email seasonsofhope35@gmail.com to register.



NO CLASSES THIS WEEK

CLASSES MEETING ON JANUARY 2: Grades 1,3, 1st Communion and Confirmation

Class Calendars and Workbooks Available Online: www.Falmouthcatholic.org.

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Many thanks to the wonderful parishioners and friends of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St Joseph Parish, for your outstanding support to the Giving Tree. Your kind generosity meant that many needy Falmouth families were able to share in the joys and blessings of Christmas 2021!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him,

and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received,

grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

-John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18

MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE WINNER

Week 24: David Carvalho

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Cookies, Brownies/Cake Mix, Coffee. Thank you for your support.

ST JOSEPH COUPLES CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Holly Basket sale. We were able to meet our fundraising goal for the year. If you're interested in the club, contact annuarie.cunha@gmail.com.

ST JOSEPH MEN'S CLUB

Our next Men's Club meeting will be held on January 26 at 7:00pm at St Elizabeth Seton hall. We want to wish everyone a very joyous and blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! For more information on the Men's Club, contact membership chairman Steve Withrow at trinity138@comcast.net.

OFFICE HOURS

All parish offices will be closed on Fri. Dec. 31st so that our staff may have time with their families during this joyful season. Please plan accordingly.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers

Salim Ali, Richard Afonso, Eileen Bancroft, Elizabeth C. Bates, Lynn Beaudin, Richie Botsch, Dorothy Joan Breckenridge, Cindy Campbell, Justin Campbell, Mary Ann Carcieri, William Carney, Gerry Castleberry, Bridget Ann Cauliffeld, Karli Marie Chadwick, Craig Clarkson, Alex Cvitan, Rosemary Daveta, Joseph Dolaher, Norman Drouin, Ann Duran, Nancy Faye, Aggie Geggatt, Richard Geggatt, Theresa Goodnow, Theresa Goodspeed, Trinity LaBeet Green, Michael Hannigan, Grace Haslett, Mabel Corey Higgs, Patricia Hoffer, Michael Huxley, Dianne Jardin, Julie Jardin, Maryanne Keevins, Clare Kelleher, John Kelly, Mary LaBeet, Stephen Laliberte, Jack McElhinney, Ken McIntyre, Tim MacIsaac, Rosemary Merana, Judith Merritt, Joann Michaels, Gloria Mitchell, Robert Mitchell, The Mueller Family, Kurt Mueller Sr, Mona Neighbors, Nora Peters, Helen Pino, Thomas William Quinn, Kathy Rodriguez, Lorraine Santos, James Sawyer, John Schlichte, Joseph Schlichte, Claire Silvia, Betsy Simonis, James Souza, Jane Souza, Edward Sullivan, Ellen Sullivan-Stevens, Terrance Sullivan, Manuel Sylvester Jr, Waite Family, Elizabeth Ward, Donald White, Richard Williams Sr, Terra Willis, and Debbie Zeida

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

















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