

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

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*“Blessed are you who
believed that what was
spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”*

(Lk 1:45)

*All Are
Welcome*

The Visitation in Stained Glass





Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

St. Ann

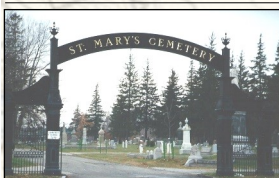
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Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (12/18)

4:00pm **IC** *Katherine Lombard, John K. Herlihy, John & Katherine Kelley, Rose Thorsen, John D'Ambrosio, For the intentions of Jenny LaBonte* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (12/19)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** *Tricia Kelly, John Boress, The Dennis Family, The Boress Family, Ted LoPreste, Eleanor & Angelo Messina, Mary & Albert Salerno* (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Jeanne Baughn, Anna DeFloria* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (12/20)

9:00am **IC** *Angela Pacitto* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (12/21)

9:00am **IC** *Paul Belanger, Paul Salmi* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (12/22)

9:00am **IC** *Ernie Penta* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (12/23)

9:00am **IC** *Richard Noyes, Ally Powers* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (12/24) Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

3:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

3:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

5:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

5:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

6:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (12/25) Christmas Day

8:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

10:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (12/26)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **IC** *William A. Smith, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** *Fr. William O'Connell* (Fr. Stanley)

Notes: No Friday morning Mass on 12/24.

No anticipated Masses on Saturday evening, 12/25, for Sunday, 12/26.

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Facebook Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As these final days before Christmas wind down in anticipation of the great Feast of Our Lord's Birth, I want to take a moment to extend a warm invitation for you to join with the parishes of our Collaborative in celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Although we have made great progress this past year in welcoming the COVID vaccines and other medical advances in our fight against the pandemic, we still have much more that needs to be accomplished before we can truly put this all behind us. Nonetheless, our churches will be open for Christmas Masses, with some pews being reserved for those who wish greater social distancing. We will also continue to be attentive to cleaning our worship spaces and providing as much fresh air and ventilation as possible to make our liturgies as safe and comfortable as they can be. No advanced registration will be required to attend Mass this year, but we do invite you to consider attending a less-populated Mass (such as 6pm or 7pm on Christmas Eve or the 8am on Christmas Day.) We will also be offering several opportunities to enjoy Christmas Mass from the comfort of your home through our live-stream available on our Facebook page and website. Whether you



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Face Masks Required



This past week the Archdiocese of Boston announced that it will be requiring all parishioners attending any indoor liturgy to wear a face mask for the duration of the service. This applies to Christmas and weekend Masses as well as Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and any indoor prayer services. This requirement will be in place until at least

January 17. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Face masks will be available at the doors of all of our churches in case any parishioner needs one.



Christmas Mass Schedule

No registration required. Face masks recommended.

Christmas Eve Masses

- 3 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church
- 3 p.m. Nativity (Live streamed on Facebook)
- 4 p.m. St. Ann
- 5 p.m. Nativity
- 5 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church
- 6 p.m. St. Ann
- 7 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church

Christmas Day Masses

- 8 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church
- 9 a.m. Nativity
- 10 a.m. St. Ann
- 10 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church (Live streamed on Facebook)



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, December 20

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Penance Service/Confessions 6:30pm, IC Church

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, December 21

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Penance Service/Confessions 6:30pm, Nativity Church

HR Confirmation Prep, Year 2 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, December 22

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, December 23

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, December 24

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00noon

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

Synod on Synodality

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality. What does that mean? Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask, "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.



The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"

Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

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are able to join us in person or virtually online, it is my sincere hope that you experience the same peace and joy that the angels announced in that humble shepherd's field two millennia ago. Although we have every reason to "Deck the Halls" and sing "Fa La La La La La, La La La La..." at the top of our lungs, we must remember that Christ came into our world in the utter poverty of a stable, while his parents were displaced travelers, without any of the comforts of home or extended family. Jesus' coming into our world brings us the promise of new life, hope for a better world and so much more. He is God's pure gift to us that restores everything that was lost and gains for us more than we can imagine.

However you are able to mark this beautiful feast this week, let us pause to ponder with expectant hearts the raw splendor of God's unconditional love for us. Simply, profoundly...O Come, let us adore Him!

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Help Wanted

Bookkeeper/administrative Assistant (Full Time)

Immaculate Conception Parish is looking for a full-time bookkeeper/administrative assistant. The position provides financial and administrative support services for: Immaculate Conception Parish and School, St. Mary's Cemetery, and Holy Redeemer Parish. This support includes accounts payable, payroll, deposits, and other revenue as well as maintaining records of all parishioner revenue including offertory/tithing.

This is a full-time position with benefits. Work schedule is 30 hours per week in a church office environment.

To learn more, visit our website, hriccatholic.org, or to apply, email a cover letter and resume to dlamalfa@hriccatholic.org. References required.

women at the well

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

*We meet every **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** If you can't make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.*

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room

Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

Collaborative Christmas and New Year's Office Hours

Collaborative Offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



All Christmas
Collections



healthier priests.
stronger communities.

The strength of our communities depends on the well-being of our priests who tirelessly serve others.

SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS THIS CHRISTMAS

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Supports our priests in good standing

Centering Prayer for Advent

As the days shorten and we enter the darkest season of the year we light Advent candles and anticipate the coming of our Savior, Jesus, the light of the world. In the busyness of preparing for Christmas we may miss the gifts of Advent. During Advent please consider joining us weekly for Centering Prayer. Please consider leaving the noise of the world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Following Centering Prayer Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and share reflections on the words of scripture.

All are welcome to join us as we pray in these ancient Christian traditions and together prepare this Advent to welcome God's gift of His son Immanuel, *God with us, into our hearts and our lives.*

For more information and the Zoom link, contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

Advent Study and Penance Services

During Advent, the Collaborative will be hosting a video series on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession" by Augustine Institute offers a fresh perspective on God's mercy and the often misunderstood and frequently avoided Sacrament.

Choose one of two options (No RSVP necessary):

1. Watch and discuss the video series **in person** with fellow Collaborative members at IC St. Louis Hall, **10:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m.** Last session: **Dec. 19.**
2. Watch the series **at home** online <https://watch.formed.org/forgiven> using our Collaborative's subscription to FORMED (go to www.hriccatholic.org/formed to learn how to sign up):



a. Watch Session 3 video by Dec. 20

At the end of Advent, we will host two evening **Advent Penance Services** to celebrate this great Sacrament:

1. **Monday, December 20, 6:30–8:00 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport**
2. **Tuesday, December 21, 6:30–8:00 p.m., Church of the Nativity, Merrimac**

For more information or questions, contact Aaron Giard, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation: agiard@hriccatholic.org.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, or just receiving a call or note from us to cheer your day, please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in November.

**Kennedy Celia Blair • Brianna Marie Brown •
Mariella Lucia Guardino • Jane Susan Randi •
Katherine Frances Shea • Mary Joyce Sullivan**

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[HRICCatholic](https://www.instagram.com/HRICCatholic)



Confessions

We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit formed.org, click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

Adoration:

Be Surprised By Jesus' Love!

It's a new liturgical year, so celebrate this Advent in a posture of praise, of quiet waiting, of attentive listening. Seek Him! Ask for a sign! Hear your heart expand in gratitude for His Incarnation! God is with us in the Monstrance!

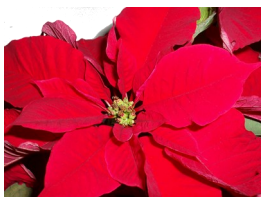


Thursdays in IC Church: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Fridays in IC Church: 9:30 a.m.–noon*

*preempted when a funeral is posted in HRIC online calendar. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.

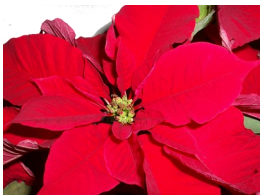
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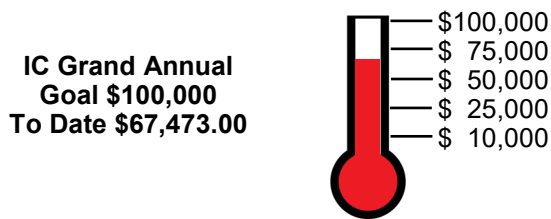
IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Dec. 11–12	\$4,324.00
Monthly, Dec. 11–12	\$ 973.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Dec. 10	\$2,488.00
Catholic Appeal	\$50,275.00

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 19) is IC Haiti. Make checks payable to "IC Haiti." The Christmas collection is Clergy Health and Retirement (See page 5 for details.). No second collection next weekend (Dec. 26).

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.



IC Haiti Collection

The final quarterly collection of 2021 for IC Haiti will be taken up this weekend: December 18–19. Should you choose to donate to IC Haiti, please **make out checks to "IC Haiti."** You may put your donation into the collection boxes around the church or send them anytime to: **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

Thank you for your support, and please keep our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.



Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:
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kofc231@gmail.com



Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

Immaculate Conception School



Taking time to pray is ever so important during these challenging times, especially this Advent! The Immaculate Conception School faculty and staff enjoyed a morning of prayer on December 10. The day started with breakfast in the decorated cafeteria, complete with a lighted tree. Prayer and reflection centered around Ephesians 3: 14–17, which speaks of the group's spiritual theme for the school year: "Planted in love and built on love". Diana Giard led the group in prayer and reflection. Including a creative craft is always included in spirituality days, so the group made paper garland decorations for the tree. A lot of laughs were shared as failed attempts were made and accidental confetti was created rather than lovely paper garland. Despite, success was finally achieved with a little instruction from the group and a few Google searches, which you can see from the picture.



The entire faculty and staff at the IC wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Pictured below: The students collected 12 cases of cereal for the Newbury food pantry at Mass on December 8. The Food Pantry was so very grateful!



Troop 21 Blood Drive



Scout Troop 21 of Newburyport, MA and the American Red Cross this holiday season are teaming up to boost blood supply and help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed. Please continue supporting your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers by donating blood on **Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the Newburyport Elks Club Function Hall, 25 Low Street, from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more, and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood. To make an appointment to donate blood call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

IC PARISH

IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org, or drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport") into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

Win Cash!

IC School annual holiday calendars are now available.

For over 20 years, IC School has run a holiday calendar fundraiser. Each \$10 calendar gives individuals 40 chances to win a grand total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. A winner is drawn each day from January 8–February 15 to receive a cash prize of \$100, \$200, \$300, or \$400.

Calendars are available at IC School, IC Church lobby, and the IC Parish Center.

To enter, fill out the buyer's name and contact information in the space at the bottom of the calendar. Cut it off and return both the ticket stub and the money to the school office or to the Parish Center office. Check payments should be made out to Immaculate Conception School or cash is accepted.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnewburyport.org.

Our next monthly support meeting is **December 27** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara for questions at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Elizabeth and Mary rejoiced together at the wonderful things God was doing in their lives. We too are blessed when we have people who help us recognize God's action in our lives. How are you able to help someone recognize God's presence and action in their life?

Child: Sometimes we can't see that God is active in our life. Who helps you to recognize God's presence in your life?

IC SVdP Giving Tree

Please pick a gift card tag from the SVdP Giving Tree in the vestibule of IC Church. Once you purchase the gift card noted on the tag, return it via the collection boxes at the church. These gift cards are given to help those in need throughout the entire year. Thank you.

HR & IC

Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Faith Formation classes have started for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at hriccatholic.org.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Holy Communion in the Hand

One COVID-related restriction we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*.

Those distributing Communion on the tongue would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Dec. 11–12	\$1,834.00
Monthly, Dec. 11–12	\$1,361.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Dec. 10	\$ 771.00
Catholic Appeal	\$18,565.00

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 19) is IC Haiti. Make checks payable to "IC Haiti." **The Christmas collection is Clergy Health and Retirement (See page 5 for details.)** No second collection next weekend (Dec. 26).

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to

Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
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IC Haiti Collection

The final quarterly collection of 2021 for IC Haiti will be taken up this weekend: December 18–19. Should you choose to donate to IC Haiti, please **make out checks to "IC Haiti."** You may put your donation into the collection boxes around the churches or send them anytime to: **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

Thank you for your support, and please keep our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

EWTN: Catholic News

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HR Grand Raffle

The Activities Committee is happy to announce our grand raffle winners:

\$1,000.00	Janet Sawyer
\$500.00	Susan Griffin
\$500.00	Tom Hackett
\$250.00	Catherine Gabriel-Heusser
\$250.00	Tom Fahey



Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets and supporting our parish! We collected \$4,132.00.

Nativity & St. Ann Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating **St Ann Church** for Christmas on Sunday, December 19 directly after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **All are welcome. Many hands makes light the work.**

We will be decorating **Nativity Church** for Christmas on Wednesday, December 22 at 1:00 p.m. **All are invited and needed to come help prepare the church for Christmas!** Please call Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) with questions.

HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

Greeters Needed

We are looking for friendly, welcoming folks to greet people at Masses at Holy Redeemer. One greeter is needed for each Mass. There is a **particular need** for greeters at the 10:00 a.m. (Sunday) Mass at St. Ann, but we could also use more greeters at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both St. Ann and Nativity.

Would you like to serve in this role? Please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.



(The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

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