

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE
NEWTON, MA

~ All Are Welcome ~



*Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 21, 2025
and Christmas—December 25, 2025*

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From Fr. Dan, Pastor

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas, ¡Feliz Navidad!, Nollaig shona dhaoibh!, Joyeux Noël!, Frohe Weihnachten!, Buon Natale!, Feliz Natal! Wesołych Świąt!, Maligayang Pasko, Jwaye Nwel, Chúc mừng Giáng Sinh!

Welcome, Benvenuto, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, Bemvindo, Hoan nghênh, Witaj, Tuloy po kayo, Willkommen, Byenveni, Céad míle fáilte! We are glad you are here! (Happy to add to other languages.) We are so happy you are here!

Merry Christmas and a very warm welcome to you! I hope you feel at home and welcomed. We feel abundant joy and great rejoicing because Jesus, the Son of God and the Prince of Peace, has been born! We are celebrating good news of great joy. In the manger in Bethlehem, a savior has been born for us who is Christ the Lord. With Mary tenderly holding the baby Jesus and smiling upon him with affection, we sense that God loves us in this way. We hear the angels joyously proclaim: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth," and we trust that God's love conquers all and will get us through all challenges. May we experience Jesus: in the baby in the manger, in his Real Presence in the Eucharist, in the love of family and friends, and in the vulnerable and needy we care for.

United States Catholic Bishops on Immigrants: "As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants."

Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Among the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters are: the poor, elderly who are frail, the unborn, those with disabilities, those abused, immigrants, the homeless, veterans struggling with afflictions from their service in war zones, targets of discrimination, young parents in poverty, and more. Jesus lives in the "least ones," and we give extra care to those most in need.

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."

Sports: I predict Pats 28 – Ravens 17, and Pats 35 – Jets 14.

Love & Merry Christmas!
Fr. Dan (written 12/14/25)

New & Ongoing in Our Community

Parish Office Holiday Closures

Please note the following office hour changes for the upcoming holiday weeks:

Both parish offices will be closed December 24-26, reopening on Monday, December 29.

In addition, for New Year's, the offices will be closed on January 1 & 2, reopening on Monday, January 5.

Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust

At all our Christmas Masses on December 24 & 25, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

All-powerful God,
your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan.
Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory, and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please visit <https://sholnewton.org/advent> to see opportunities for Advent prayer, reflection, and giving.

Marriage Banns

Sacred Heart & Our Lady's Collaborative is pleased to announce the following upcoming marriage:

Rebecca Murgo & Christopher Murgo

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

If you have been baptized and received your First Communion but never received Confirmation, please consider preparing! Perhaps you've been asked to be a godparent to someone in Baptism or a sponsor in Confirmation? Get in touch with Ginny Arpino at garpino@sholnewton.org or 617-969-2248 ext. 111 for an opportunity to share your interest and ask whatever questions you have. Confirmation for adults is usually celebrated sometime in the spring, and preparation will be completed by then. Please also share this message with any loved ones who might be interested!

December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Advent readings continue to offer us great hope: "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." This name means "God is with us." What an important truth for us to remember, especially when so many places in our world face ongoing war and unjust situations. It can be a challenge to hold onto the hope-filled message these scriptures hold up to us. The Church gives us these beautiful readings at just a time when we need to hear that we are companioned by God. Repeat these words as a mantra "...they shall name him Emmanuel – which means God is with us." Take comfort...God is with you!

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Come, let us worship Christ the Lord! Starting Friday, January 9, (and every First Friday of the month thereafter), at 6-7 pm, we will start Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Lower Church. This is spearheaded by the Youth Group and the Young Adults Ministry but open to all ages in the Collaborative. Silent reflection, meditation, and soulful songs will fill the sacred space for an hour. For further information, please contact Jared at jblake@sholnewton.org or Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org. We can't wait to worship with you!



Christmas Mass Schedule and Greeting

Please join us to worship together in joy! All are welcome - invite your friends & neighbors!

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm at Our Lady's 4:00pm at Sacred Heart
6:00pm at Our Lady's 8:00pm at Sacred Heart
11:00pm at Our Lady's

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

10:00am at Our Lady's 10:00am at Sacred Heart

Welcome All!

We are truly grateful that you have joined us for the celebration of Christmas. Whether you were raised as a Catholic or are new to the faith, whether you are here every week or less often, we warmly welcome you!

We consider your presence with us on this joyful holiday to be one of the greatest blessings of our ministry in our community. We're so glad you are here, and we hope you will make this your spiritual home today, and that you will return again and again.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to show you Christ's love and care as you are with us. You may call us at the parish offices or email us about any questions you have. Our contact information is at the back of the bulletin. We wish you a blessed Christmas season filled with great joy!

-The Staff of the Collaborative
of Sacred Heart & Our Lady's

Holiday Outreach Thanks

The staff is, once again, overwhelmed by the generosity of this community. Between our two parishes, we provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for approximately 85 local families, Christmas presents for nearly 200 children, and so much more in the form of monetary donations and gift cards for charities like Julie's Family Learning Center and African Global Village.

And this is just what you have done through the parishes; we know there is so much Christian charity in action through homes, schools, workplaces, etc. Such a blessing to so many!

Young Adults January Faith Fellowship

If you are a young adult (age 20-39) seeking a welcoming Christian community and desiring to nourish your relationship with God, join us in our Faith Fellowship in January, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Office. Below is our schedule:

January 8: "Prayer in Our Daily Lives" Speaker: Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, Asst. President of the Sisters of St. Joseph Boston.
January 22: Lectio Divina and Bible study of the Gospel for the Third Sunday of the Ordinary Time.

For further details, kindly email Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org. It will surely be a meaningful night of fellowship and faith sharing. We can't wait to meet you!

Ministry of Care—Can You Serve?

Across the collaborative, we are grateful for the many ministers who offer outreach to our homebound community. It is so important that we ensure those in our community who are unable to attend Mass are not forgotten! This ministry takes on many forms... we are currently in need of volunteers to bring Communion to folks at home or perhaps in a facilitated living situation. Homebound ministry ensures that lifelong communicants are kept close to the Eucharist during a time in their lives when so much may be changing. This is a ministry that works with your schedule!

If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Ginny at garpino@sholnewton.org. Thank you for considering!

Ongoing Support & Social Groups

Pray & Play (a group for our littlest parishioners and their caretakers) meets every Wednesday morning (that Newton Public School is in session) from 10-11 am. We meet in Our Lady's Lower Hall for indoor play on cold and rainy days, and we play outside on the swing set behind Our Lady's Church on warm days. Contact Maria at mrosen@sholnewton.org

Single Parents' Support Group meets once a month on a Tuesday evening, alternating in-person and Zoom. This is a flexible group that responds to the needs of those in attendance. Children are welcome! Contact Maria at mrosen@sholnewton.org

Caregiver Support Group meets bi-weekly on Thursdays at 1pm at Our Lady's. It is based on faith and friendship as we navigate the joys and struggles we encounter in caring for our loved ones. We journey together and learn from each other with the Holy Spirit as our guide. Contact Ginny at garpino@sholnewton.org or 617-969-2248 ext. 221.

Listening Devices Available

Each of our churches is equipped with listening devices to enhance and amplify the sound in the church. If you would like to borrow a device during Mass, please see a staff member or Mass volunteer at either parish.

The deadline to make your required minimum distribution from your retirement account is approaching.



A Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) can fulfill part or all of your required minimum distribution and benefit your parish.

Contact Lynne Sullivan at 617-779-3747 or lynne_sullivan@rcab.org or visit us at CATHOLICLEGACYSOCIETY.ORG to learn more.





Collaborative Photo Album—2025 Highlights!

Follow along on Instagram @sholnewton
Scan the QR code at left to get started!



January: Baptism



February: Chili Cookoff



March: St. Patrick's Day at SH (left) and OL (right)



March: Fish Fry



April: Easter Vigil at SH (left and OL (right)



April: Easter Sunday at OL (left) and SH (right)



May: First Communion at OL (left) & SH (right)



May: Confirmation



May: Wedding



May: Ministers' Evening



June: Pentecost Party



July: Workcamp Trip



July: Festa



August: Beach Day



September: Fr. Isaac



September: Picnic



October: Pet Blessing



October: Walk for the Poor



October: Trunk or Treat



November: Holly Harvest Fair



November: Confirmation Retreat on Cape Cod



November: Grade 4 Hosts Mass



November: Cheverus Award Ceremony



December: Advent Gift Procession



December: Advent Party



Fr. John Connelly

**An excerpt from his bulletin column: "Who Is Jesus—for Me?"
Fourth Sunday of Advent—Liturgical Year A—December 24, 1989**

For a brief Christmas meditation, may I suggest that we turn to the 16th chapter of Matthew's gospel. Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." This question seems to be a question of fact. Jesus had obviously stirred great interest among the people. Many were trying to reflect on what their Scriptures said about "the one who was to come." But this was not really the significant question. Then, Jesus turned the questions on the disciples themselves: "And you – who do you say that I am?" This is not just a question of fact. It seeks a faith-commitment. It is what we would call an "existential question", one that impacts on the deep meaning of our existence. For this is the significance of Christmas and Christmas faith – the deep meaning of our existence can be discovered only in relationship with Jesus.

The Christmas liturgies direct two questions for each of us: Who is Jesus, and Who is Jesus for me? The first one is one of theological teaching. Jesus,

Son of Mary in human history, is Son of God from all eternity. The liturgy says of him: Great his birth, eternal his kingdom, strong God, Ruler of all, Prince of Peace. The second question is the existential one. Is he the one who is to come, or shall we look for another? Are we to know him more clearly, love him more dearly, follow him more nearly – day by day?

Several years ago, an anthology was published with the title *Who is Jesus Christ for Me?* All sorts of persons contributed – young, old, well-educated, without much formal education, men and women like the writer and readers of this column who face the burdens and difficulties of everyday life. One said, "I can not be truly human apart from the Lord Jesus." Another wrote, "Who is Christ for me? He is the answer to what is most important of all." The many excerpts are fascinating. However, the point to the meditation is not to be asked, "What are the people saying about Jesus?" The thrust is existential: "Who is Jesus – for me?"



Fr. John Sassani

**Homily Given on December 25, 2010
Feast of the Nativity of the Lord**

Several years ago, I had some incidences of dizziness and was diagnosed with vertigo, the sensation of feeling off-balance. Life can certainly be lived a dizzying pace.

As Christ was born, the angels announced to the shepherds, "Peace". Peace is described by one of my favorite authors, Fred Craddock, as *the wholeness of life that God grants to people and societies by restoring balance to all the forces in creation that influence our lives.*

Shepherds were in need of balance, and angels sent them to the manger. There, they experience all they were looking for – and more.

St. Paul, in his life before his conversion as he was

hauling people off to prison, wasn't even looking for peace – he thought he had it already. Christ, risen from the dead, met him in the middle of his unbalanced life. He was taken by the balance and peace that Christ offered. Paul gradually realized that this grace, this gift, was not just a gift for him – but for all, to bring balance and peace to all seekers.

Here as seekers, we have come to celebrate Christ's birth, for his birth is like none other. As and with the Church, we have come to celebrate the Eucharist, to meet him here around the table. He helps us follow him, and he offers us grace – peace for our unbalanced lives – which is salvation here and now.

Merry Christmas to all!

Sign up for the Flocknote, our weekly email update!
Visit sholnewton.flocknote.com or scan the QR code here.



Religious Education News



WELCOME! Please visit <https://sholnewton.org/religious-education> to learn about all our session and class options, or contact a member of the RE staff, listed below. The registration form is online at <https://forms.office.com/r/M6ZBLz1ew5> or scan the QR code here (this is one common form for all grades and both parishes).

Confirmation Age Change: Please visit <https://sholnewton.org/confirmation-age-change> to learn about how we are transitioning to Grade 8 Confirmation.

Fall Overview: In Grades K-1 and 3-7, our students use the Pflaum Gospel Weekly program to meet Jesus in the Gospel and to learn about the beauty of our Catholic faith. What we hear in Mass on Sundays we then learn about in class on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays! Every student, no matter the grade, hears the same Gospel. It is truly a gift to learn from Jesus each week in class!



Our **First Penance** students celebrated the Sacrament of Penance last weekend! Fr. Dan gave a short reflection on this gift, having two kids participate in a short skit— showing us that, when we present our sins to Jesus and express our sorrow (represented by a piece of paper with SINS printed on it), Jesus rips them up and throws them away! Please see the picture at left.

Thank you to four wonderful Jesuit priests for joining us for First Penance: Frs. Isaac Demase, Bart Geger, William Manaker, and Amedée Rarivison! And thank all of you for keeping these girls and boys in your prayers during this exciting year.

Confirmation classes: our Confirmation candidates in Grades 8 and up are using the Pflaum program “Gifted with the Spirit” as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. This program presents the beauty of our Catholic faith while giving students time for conversation and reflection about their own personal relationship with Jesus.

Some of our Confirmation Candidates enjoyed their retreat to Cape Cod in mid-November. It was a beautifully sunny day full of prayer, reflection, friendship, and fun!



Thank you for keeping our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament, to be celebrated in May 2026.

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Youth Ministry for Middle and High School Students

Contact Jared Blake, Youth Minister—jblake@sholnewton.org, ext. 126

Workcamp Info! We'll be traveling to Cumberland, MD, to serve in July 2026. There was a Workcamp informational meeting earlier this month, but it's not too late to sign up! Workcamp is open to those *currently* in Grade 7 and older. Please contact Jared to learn about this great experience!

Middle School Life Teen Edge Nights! After starting Wednesday night events last year for those in Grades 5-8, we are so excited to be back in action this school year. Our next gathering will be in January in the Lower Halls at Our Lady's.

We do need volunteers (high schoolers and adults) to help with this program. Please contact Jared to inquire about assisting in whatever capacity you feel comfortable. Middle school parents are especially encouraged to participate here!



Cor Unum Meal Center: Join us to serve those in need at Cor Unum Center in Lawrence on the third Saturday of each month. No experience necessary, and students will receive three hours of community service credit for Confirmation and/or school require-

ments. Contact Jared to find out more or to sign up. You can also scan the QR code at left.

Teen Youth Group: Youth Group for Grades 8-12 meets on Friday nights 6:00-7:00pm; mark your calendars! **We meet next in January.** We meet in the McPherson Room, on the lower level of Our Lady's Church (at the bottom of the stairs on the parking lot side entrance). Please join us for food, activities, and friends in Christ! Hope to see you there!



Sacred Heart News

Thank You from the Knights

The Crozier Council #3973 of the Knights of Columbus from Sacred Heart Parish would like to thank all that joined us for the "Tony Signore Pasta Dinner".

We will present a gift of \$300 to be used by the Collaborative Summer Work Trip to offset some of the expenses for their summer trip in 2026.

A special thanks to Jared Blake and all of the students who were a tremendous help to us in setting up the hall, serving the food, and cleaning up after the event. Our gratitude goes out to all members of the Collaborative staff especially Fr. Dan, Kristina, Ginny, Leslee, Maria, Sioux, and David for all the assistance given, and to Fr. Bart for giving us his time in blessing the event and saying grace.

Assembling the Creche on the Altar

This year at Sacred Heart, we will continue to assemble the creche on the altar in a special way during the 9:30am Mass! With help from the different ministries and religious education students, each week during the gift procession, in addition to offering the bread and wine, we will add a new element to the creche, finally culminating in Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. This is a modification of a common Filipino tradition during the Advent Season. For more information, please get in touch with Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org.

Kids Club in December

Thank you for your generous donations of jelly and jam last month. This month, we are collecting macaroni and cheese, any variety except spicy. This is a staple of the hundreds of Kids Club bags that are distributed each month. Please leave your donations in the containers in the upper church foyer, the lower elevator lobby, and the Religious Ed area by the statue. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Donations

Christmas Flower Donations will be accepted until Monday, December 22, at the Parish Office. Please print clearly the names of those you would like to be remembered. Names will be printed in a special booklet that will be available at the doors of each church. Thank you.

Coffee Hour—We Need You!



We need lots of helpers to keep coffee hour, on Sundays following the 9:30am Mass, the great success it has been—we ask you to please consider serving once or twice (or more!) during the year.

Please scan the QR code or contact Ginny to learn more and sign up!

Our Lady's News

Christmas Church Decorating

Help us decorate our beautiful church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 23, 10am-2:00pm. Come by yourself or bring a friend—many hands make light (and joyful) the work! Thank you in advance for your help!

Giving Tree Thanks

Thanks to all who generously donated to make the Giving Tree a huge success for another year. Your kindness makes the Christmas season brighter for so many, here at home and around the world. Thank you! If you'd like to get involved in the Christian Service Committee, contact Mike Keohane at mike.keohane@gmail.com

December Freedge Collection

In December, we are collecting cereal, both hot and cold, for the Newton Food Pantry Freedge. Donations can be dropped in the bin by the St. Patrick statue in the church (this is on the parking lot side of the church building, under the stairs that go up to the main church). Thank you for your ongoing generosity, especially for all the pasta and sauce in November!

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Invitation to Liturgical Ministry

To learn more about any liturgical ministry, please contact Maribeth at mbskis@yahoo.com.

Eucharistic Ministers: Would you like to become more involved in the community at Our Lady's? You're warmly invited to consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister. We are in need of ministers at all Masses, **in particular at the 4:00 Mass**. We are happy to have you serve according to your availability, whether that is every week or once a month. If you are an active, confirmed member of the church and would like more information, please contact Maribeth.

Greeters: Greeters extend our hospitality, allow people to feel welcome, and send all to take Christ to the world. Greeters pass out worship aids before Mass, may help with the collection during Mass, and give out bulletins after Mass. This is a great ministry for a family or couple to serve in together. Women, men, and youth who are welcoming and caring of others would find this a rewarding ministry. Ministers are scheduled according to their preferences and availability.

Grand Annual Collection Update
As of December 10, we have raised \$101,907!
Our goal is \$165,000. Thank you!

Whether you give \$100 or \$300, \$1,000 or \$5,000, your gift will be appreciated as it promotes the wellbeing of Our Lady's. Thank you for your generous support of this vital collection. We are so grateful!

Our Collaborative



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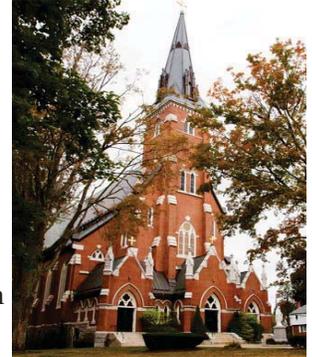
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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil

4:00pm Our Lady's
4:00pm Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:00am Our Lady's
9:30am Sacred Heart (livestreamed
at sholnewton.org)
10:00am Our Lady's
11:30am Sacred Heart
6:00pm Our Lady's

Weekdays except for Legal Holidays

Mon & Tue: 7:00am Our Lady's
Fri & Sat: 9:00am Sacred Heart

Holy Days of Obligation

7:00am Our Lady's
9:00am Sacred Heart
12:00pm Our Lady's
7:00pm Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 2:45-3:30pm

Month of December: Sacred Heart
Lower Church

Month of January: Our Lady's
Lower Church
and alternating months

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Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.

Fr. Frank Silva

New to our Collaborative? Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the parish offices. We want to know and serve you! We hope you will participate in our parishes with your prayers, presence, talents, and stewardship according to your means.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church. If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist, or Reconciliation, please call the parish offices. Please also notify us of hospitalizations, so that we may be of help.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the parish offices at least 6 months in advance. A preparation program is offered to all couples. For more information, please visit our website.

Sacraments of Initiation: For adults interested in Baptism, Confirmation, or joining the Catholic Church, please contact Ginny Arpino; for high school Confirmation or for older children (7+) to be baptized or to receive Holy Communion, contact Kristina Preman.

Infant Baptisms: Infant Baptisms (those under age 7) are celebrated at Mass or in group celebrations on special Sundays throughout the year. Parents are asked to call the parish office to begin the process; a program of preparation is offered to all parents. Contact Maria Rosen to learn more.

Are You in Need? If you need assistance with housing, clothing or food, please contact our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, at svdp@sholnewton.org or 617-527-7560 ext. 255. All calls are confidential.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Priests' schedule is subject to change

Saturday, December 20

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Deeley)

Maureen T. & John Mathews and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O'Hare
John M. Stack, John J. Sheehan
John E. Groves, Sr.

Angela & Albert Beatrice & Children

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

Jim Gentile—4th Anniversary
Marie Gentile

Sunday, December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.)

Ernest & Isabel Magazu, Richard Magazu, Jr.

9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Frank Silva)

For All Parishioners

10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

Margaret Wilkie
Michael Viscomi

Joseph Annese, Thomas Haggie, Lillian DeMarzio

11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

For All Parishioners

6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

Joseph Proia, Jr.

Monday, December 22

7:00am - Our Lady's - Communion Service

Tuesday, December 23

7:00am - Our Lady's - Natalino Cellucci, Antonio Monticelli
Mamie Rose Orr-Mullane

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Deeley)

6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

8:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J.)

11:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J.)

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Frank Silva)

10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. John Geaney)

*The Christmas Masses are celebrated
for the people of the parishes.*

Friday, December 26

9:00am - Sacred Heart - Joseph Peng Lim

Saturday, December 27

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J.)

For All Parishioners

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Frank Silva)

Marguerite Burke
Bill Walsh—10th Anniversary

Sunday, December 28—Feast of the Holy Family

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

For All Parishioners

9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

For All Parishioners

10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Frank Silva)

Joseph Capello

11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.)

Joseph Chau Lim

6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

Mary & Joseph Proia, Sr.

Larry & Jean Proia, Rocco & Joseph Proia, Jr.

Upcoming Holy Day: January 1

On January 1, the Church marks the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We will celebrate a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 31, at 4:00pm at Our Lady's, and a Mass on Thursday, January 1, at 10:00am at Sacred Heart.

Christmas Eve Confessions

Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve (Wednesday, December 24), 11:30am-12:00pm at Our Lady's. Regular Saturday afternoon confessions continue as well, 2:45-3:30pm, at Sacred Heart for the month of December.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2025 YEAR A

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| SUNDAY Dec 21 | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6./Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 |
| MONDAY Dec 22 | 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56 |
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| THURSDAY Dec 25 | Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: 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/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 |
| FRIDAY Dec 26 | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab+8a, 16bc+17/ Mt 10:17-22 |
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