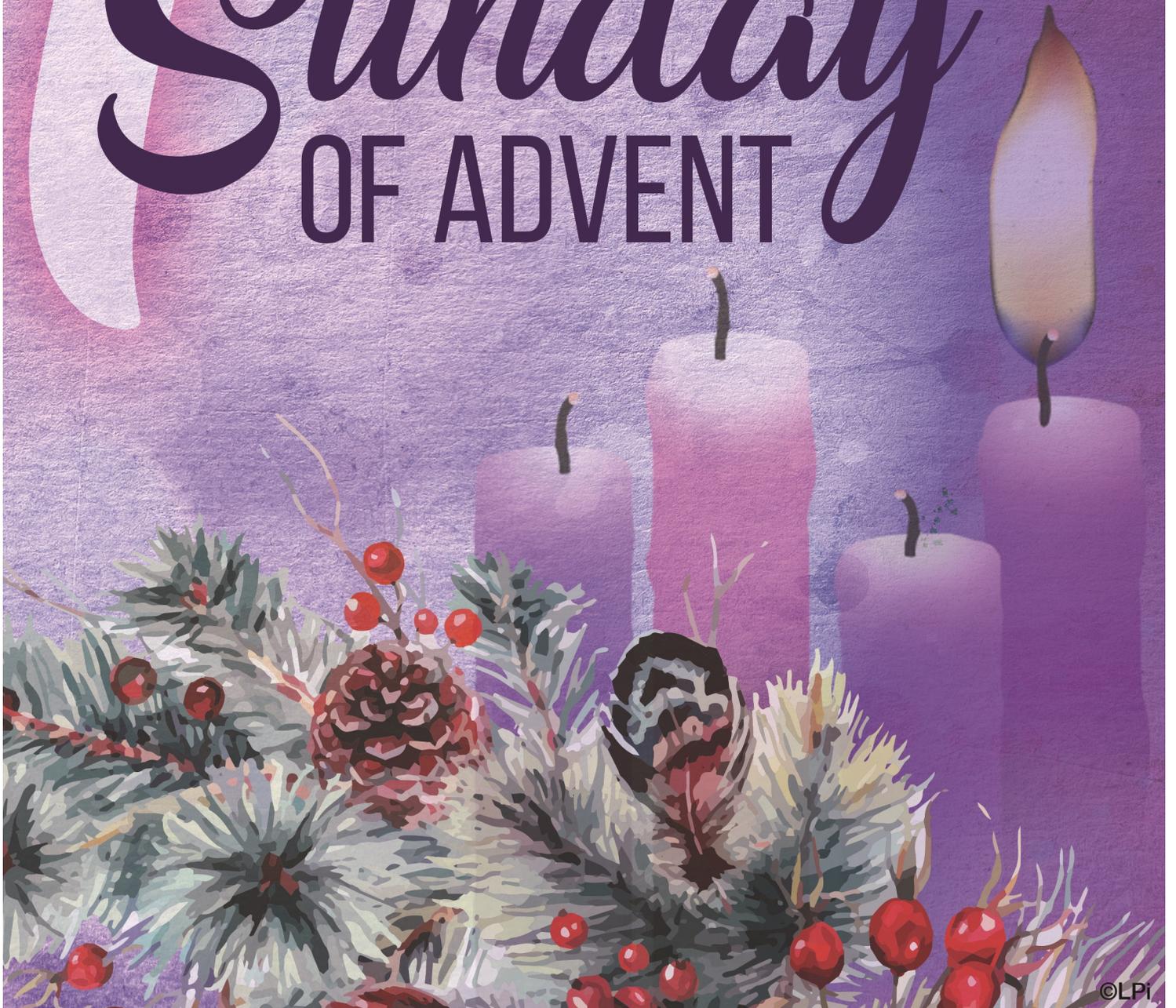


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Sunday OF ADVENT



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Weekend of November 14-15	
In Church Offertory:	\$ 2,950.00
Online:	\$ 5,801.82
Mail/Delivery:	\$ 1,407.00
Total:	\$ 10,158.82

Due to an early publishing deadline, the offertory for November 21-22 will be printed in the next bulletin.

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00.

Thank you for giving, whether online (sign up for automatic giving at stkathryns.org/donate), in the offertory basket, or mailed to **4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051!**

BE A STAR The stars are here! As with last year, gifts and food for Christmas will be distributed to over 70 families through our Be a Star Program. This effort, co-sponsored with the Hudson Community Food Pantry, offers stars that list the needed gifts for children and adults as well as food items. We invite you to browse through them on the tables by the Divine Mercy Shrine in the narthex after Mass this weekend. Please be sure to read what you or your children take and only take it if you are able to purchase the items. We are relying on you! There are differently priced items to fit your budget. Please return the items unwrapped and placed near the sanctuary trees no later than December 12th. Please note that there will be a second white star attached to the yellow one asking for your name and telephone number. Please complete the information on the white card and deposit it in the appropriate basket. We can use some helpers to sort and arrange the items as they come in, especially in the final week before the distribution. Other ways to help:

Gift cards—If you cannot shop this year, feel free to purchase a Walmart or Target gift card. This will be used to purchase an item on the wish list.

Cash donations—May be dropped in the offertory collection in an envelope marked "STAR Program." This will be used to purchase an item on the wish list.

Thank you! *As a star led seekers to find Christ in their midst, so we pray that our charity will help those we share with to find Christ's care and presence in our outreach and caring.—Be a Star!*

BLOOD DRIVE The Knights of Columbus Council #5162 will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, December 5th in the Church Hall. Donation hours will be 9am to 2 pm. The Blood Drive is an essential activity, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Governor's Emergency Order #17. The Red Cross is taking special precautions during the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the safety of donors and staff. These precautions include:

- All donors are temperature-screened before being permitted into the blood drive. If bodily temperature is above 99.5°F, the donor is asked to donate another time instead
- All Red Cross staff are asked to check their temperature before presenting to work, and will not to report for work if they are showing any symptoms or test above 99.5°F
- Blood donors are asked to use provided hand sanitizer before and during the donation process
- All staff, volunteers and donors will be required to wear face masks or coverings at the blood drive
- Staff wear gloves throughout the donation process, changing gloves between every donor
- Donor beds are sanitized between every donor
- Red Cross is implementing social distancing space of 6 feet between donors wherever possible.
- All blood product donations are being tested for COVID-19 antibodies. [This is NOT a test to see if you currently have COVID-19.] An antibody test screens for antibodies in your blood, which are formed when fighting an infection like COVID-19. Donors who test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may have the unique opportunity to help patients fighting the disease.

If you feel unwell for any reason, please postpone your donation. Individuals who believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should not present to donate until they are symptom free for 14 days and feel well and healthy.

Whole blood and "Power Red" (i.e. "double red") donors are accepted.

Please sign up now online at: www.rcblood.org/appt

Once registered, save time by using RapidPass® to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. Get started at: www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass

The need for blood is constant, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. Please volunteer.

GOT TOYS?? St. Gianna's Place Used Toy Sale is accepting toy donations for its annual used toy sale to be held on December 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.–noon at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave. in Derry. All proceeds go to St. Thomas' outreach programs and St. Gianna's Place. Please consider donating your gently used toys to either of the bins at St. Kathryn's (one in the parish office foyer open daily until 8:00 p.m., and one inside the downstairs back entrance to the church). Please have your donations in by December 2nd. Thank you!

STATE GUIDANCE—GATHERINGS BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

You may be hearing that the State amended its guidance for houses of worship and is now permitting communal gatherings with food before and after worship services. Given that the State is seeing an increase in individuals testing positive for COVID-19, and that we are seeing an increase in our Diocesan locations, gatherings with food at parish locations remain inappropriate at this time. Adult and youth faith formation meetings as well as youth group gatherings that are social or spiritual in nature may be scheduled before or after Mass but without shared food.

For more information contact Dennis Honan, Director of Operations and Administration (603-663-0112, dhonan@rcbm.org) or Meredith Cook, Chancellor (603-663-0148, mcook@rcbm.org).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE



Wouldn't it be great if you could spend only \$5 for a full-course Christmas dinner that could be yours? All the ingredients for a scrumptious Christmas meal, wrapped up in a beautiful basket, including a full-size turkey! Knights of Columbus Council 5162 will be holding a Christmas Basket Raffle. Tickets

will be on sale after Masses starting Nov 7 and ending Dec 13, for the low cost of \$5 for one ticket or the steal of a cost of \$12 for 3 tickets. The drawing will be December 20 for 3 baskets to 3 lucky winners. Please see Knights at the back of the church after each Mass to purchase your chances. Winners will be called or emailed to notify them of their winning. Thank you for your support! K of C Council 5162

GRAND RAFFLE Thank you to all who bought and sold tickets for our annual Grand Raffle. Together, we raised \$12,487.00 for the upkeep and improvement of our buildings and grounds! Congratulations to this year's winners, Jen Gouveia (\$1,000), Shawn McKenna (\$750), and Leanne Perron (\$500).

TIME TO DECORATE! We will be changing the church décor over to the Christmas season on Friday, December 18th after the morning Mass. There will be two decorating teams, one for the creche and one for the church and Christmas trees. Are you able to help out? If so, please join us after Mass on December 18th! There are tasks for all ages, and many hands make light work!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES The new offertory envelopes are available in the church to be picked up from November 21-December 13. After December 13, the envelopes will be moved to the parish offices. Remember that if you haven't picked up envelopes in the past year, the number will be given to someone else. Thank you for giving!

PARISH PRAYER BOX Our parish prayer box has a new home! Do you have an intention you would like our intercessors to pray for this week? Please write clearly on a scrap of paper and place the intention in the box near the church entrance. Please do not include any names in the intentions, only initials. (God knows the names!) Our intercessors gather the intentions and pray for them each week.

THANK YOU I'd like to express a heartfelt thank you for the hard work you put in for St. Gianna's baby bottle drive. You raised \$4,200 for our resident moms and their babies. I am overwhelmed with the generosity of St. Kathryn's Parish. Please continue to keep St. Gianna's in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Liz Neville
Cofounder, St. Gianna's Place

LECTOR BOOKS If you are a lector and have not yet picked up your 2021 book, they are still available in the church this weekend. Thank you!



FIRST READING

Oh, that you would rend the heavens
and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)



PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face
and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)



SECOND READING

God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship
with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)



GOSPEL

"Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord
of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mk 13:35)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed Friday/Weekends

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

603.595.4463

Our religious goods store is located in the back of the parish office building and has its own parking.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (also livestreamed on our website); 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catechesis takes place with the parents prior to scheduling a date for the baptism. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Please refer to the marriage policy as found on the parish website.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements may be made for Communion to the Homebound or for the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated at the outset of an illness or when there is a change in the person's condition. The Sacrament should also be received prior to surgery.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The diocesan policies are available by calling the parish office or by consulting the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org.

OPEN FOR YOU!

We invite you to use our church, the transept chapel, or the Emmaus Chapel (in the office building) for personal prayer. Our sacred spaces are open daily from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (closed Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

Welcome! If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome! If you are a visitor - occasional or frequent - we're glad you joined us! If you're considering parish membership introduce yourself to the pastor after Holy Mass to get the process underway!

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November 29, 2020 – Week 1