

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH † IGLESIA DE SAN BERNARDO

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PARROQUIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PROVIDENCIA

228 Lincoln Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01605



MASS SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE MISA

Lord's Day Masses | Misas del Día del Señor

Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Español) & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses | Misas de la Semana

Wednesday – Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Holy Days | Días Festivos

Feast: 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Adoración de la Eucaristía

First Thursday of the month | Primer jueves del mes

8:30am -6:30 p.m.

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FOOD PANTRY | DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Harlow Street Entrance | 2nd Floor

4th Monday of the Month | 4^o Lunes del Mes

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December | Diciembre

14

2025

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Mass Intentions | Intenciones Para Las Misas

December | Diciembre 13 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Susan (Ciuffredo) Healy † Req by Family

December | Diciembre 14 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Barbara Blake (37th ann.) † Req by Family

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. Mary E. McCarthy †

December | Diciembre 17 Wednesday | Miércoles

8:15 a.m. Linda Sciammacco †

December | Diciembre 18 Thursday | Jueves

8:15 a.m. Grace Neves, in Thanksgiving

Req by Melissa Carpenter

7:00 p.m.

December | Diciembre 19 Friday | Viernes

8:15a.m. John P. Manning III †

December | Diciembre 20 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Mary Durkin †

Req by Donald Hazen & Peg Morin

December | Diciembre 21 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Ronald J. Anerson (10th ann.) † Req by Family

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. The Youth of Our Parish



RECONCILIATION | RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISM | BAUTISMO

Please call the office at least 2 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes del bautismo.

MARRIAGE | MATRIMONIO

Please call the office at least 9 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 9 meses antes de la boda.

Weekly Collection | Colecta Semanal

4:00.p.m.	\$501.00
9:00 a.m.	\$631.10
11:00 a.m.	\$555.00
5:00 p.m.	\$202.00
Mail-Ins	\$275.00
Online Contribution	\$383.75
Collection Sub-Total	\$2547.85

We are deeply grateful to all who financially support the work of our parish community. May God help us to be responsible stewards of the material and spiritual goods that have been given to our parish.

Agradecemos profundamente a todos los que apoyan financiando el trabajo de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Dios nos ayude a ser administradores responsables de los bienes materiales y espirituales que se han dado a nuestra parroquia.

Word & Eucharist 116 | Palabra y Eucaristia 117

- Journeysongs: 864
- Entrance Hymn: 459
- Offertory Hymn: 338
- Communion Hymn: 287
- Recessional Hymn: 286



Third Sunday of Advent

“You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (JAMES 5:8) Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Domingo 3o de Adviento

“Sean también pacientes. Fortalezcan sus corazones, porque la venida del Señor está cerca. Fortalezcan sus corazones, porque la venida del Señor está cerca.” (SANTIAGO 5:8) La paciencia es otra de esas cosas con las que muchos de nosotros tenemos dificultades. Queremos que las cosas vayan de acuerdo con nuestros planes y nuestros horarios; nos gustan las cosas que son convenientes. Cualquier cambio nos causa ansiedad y temor. A través de la oración diaria, Dios nos revela lo que Él quiere que hagamos con los dones que nos ha dado. Podemos alinearnos mejor con la voluntad de Dios y Su plan que es mucho mejor que cualquier cosa que podamos idear por nuestra cuenta.





Third Week of Advent – Rejoice! / Tercer Domingo de Adviento – ¡Alégrese!

This weekend the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday, a moment in the Advent season when we pause and let our hearts be lifted in joy. The rose candle reminds us that even in the waiting, God is already at work. Light is breaking through. Hope is drawing near.

As a parish family, we see signs of that joy around us in many ways through the generosity of parishioners, the prayerful spirit of our liturgies, and the simple ways we accompany one another. This week especially, as we continue preparing our hearts for Christmas, we are invited to recognize and celebrate the ways Christ is already present in our midst.

Let us take these days to reflect on where God’s grace is quietly blossoming in our lives. And may the joy of the Lord strengthen us as we move toward the final stretch of Advent with renewed hope.

Come, Lord Jesus.
Rejoice, the Lord is near!

Este fin de semana la Iglesia celebra el Domingo de Gaudete, un momento en el Adviento cuando hacemos una pausa para dejar que nuestros corazones se llenen de alegría. La vela rosada nos recuerda que, incluso en la espera, Dios ya está obrando. La luz comienza a brillar. La esperanza se acerca.

Como familia parroquial, vemos señales de esa alegría a nuestro alrededor—en la generosidad de nuestros feligreses, en el espíritu orante de nuestras liturgias y en las maneras sencillas en que nos acompañamos unos a otros. Esta semana, mientras seguimos preparando el corazón para la Navidad, se nos invita a reconocer y celebrar las formas en que Cristo ya está presente entre nosotros.

Que estos días nos ayuden a contemplar dónde la gracia de Dios está floreciendo silenciosamente en nuestra vida. Y que la alegría del Señor nos fortalezca mientras caminamos hacia la recta final del Adviento con esperanza renovada.

Ven, Señor Jesús.
¡Alégrese, el Señor está cerca!

Fr. Jonathan J. Slavinskas



Thank you to everyone who helped make Light Up Lincoln Street a success. Thank you to everyone who came and made this evening so joyous!!!



Ya llegan las posadas y los invitamos a participar cada noche de 6:30 a 8:00pm del Lunes al 15 al Martes 23 de Diciembre.

Los esperamos y no duden en pasar la voz a sus amigos y vecinos para prepararnos a la Navidad.



GAUDETE SUNDAY

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church’s history, this Sunday had a special name: “Gaudete” Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called “St. Martin’s Lent.” “Gaudete Sunday” was the Advent counterpart to “Laetare Sunday,” which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, “The Lord is coming.” But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, “The Lord is near.” This shift is

marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. Today’s Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy: “Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

Christmas Schedule | Horario de Navidad 2025

Christmas Eve | Vigilia de Navidad

Wednesday, December 24th | Miércoles, Diciembre 24th

4:00pm, 7:00pm Spanish
Midnight Mass 12:00am

Christmas Day | Navidad

Thursday, December 25th | Jueves, Diciembre 25th

9:00am, 11:00am Spanish

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Solemnidad María Madre de Dios

Thursday, January 1st | Jueves, Enero 9:00am, 11:00am Spanish

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