

Saint Bernadette Parish

FIRST SUNDAY

OF *Advent*

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.

Mark 13:35



Prayer Intentions for the Week

We invite you to remember the following intentions in your prayers this week.

Saturday, November 28

5:00 PM For an end to Covid-19

Sunday, November 29

9:00 AM For our Parish Community

11:00 AM † Mark Duggan, *By the Family*

Monday, November 30

9:00 AM † For all who have died from Covid-19

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 AM † Ruth Stone, *By the Family*

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 AM For our Country

Thursday, December 3

9:00 AM † Marie Jeanne and Achille Rouleau,
By Dolores Boule

Friday, December 4

9:00 AM For all Priests

Saturday, December 5

5:00 PM For all healthcare professionals

Sunday, December 6

9:00 AM † Elena Seymour, *By the Family*

11:00 AM † John McLellen, *By Carmen*

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

SUNDAY Matthew 13:33-37

First Sunday of Advent

MONDAY Matthew 4:18-22

Saint Andrew, Apostle

TUESDAY Luke 10:21-24

Advent Weekday

WEDNESDAY Matthew 15:29-37

Advent Weekday

THURSDAY Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

FRIDAY Matthew 9:27-31

Advent Weekday

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

SATURDAY Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Advent Weekday

First Sunday of Advent

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

A Message from the Pastor:

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

Today, this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we begin the new year of grace, 2021. One year ends and another begins; so go the weeks and months. However, there is one constant in the changing of months and years, and that is the Lord Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. This is what we proclaimed this past Sunday as we celebrated the last Sunday of the Church's year, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. The Feast of Christ the King celebrated Jesus Christ as the Lord of all. The Solemnity of Christ the King, and the seasons of Advent and Christmas invite us to share the virtues of the Kingdom of God, fostering holiness of life, Justice, love and peace.

The first three weeks of Advent focus our attention on the second coming of the Lord. This is usually expressed in the first reading and in the gospel of Mass. We prepare our hearts to meet the Lord at a time unexpected. The readings help us to prepare for this inevitable encounter, as we wait and prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. As the Gospel according to Matthew says, "You also must be prepared, for an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The last week of Advent is an immediate preparation for the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus. It is during this week that we will once again contemplate the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, husband and wife, who have responded out of love to God's request. Mary, ever virgin and Mother of God, and Joseph her chaste spouse, who with Jesus form the Holy Family. We listen again to voices of angels, and the declaration of shepherds proclaiming glad tidings of great joy, the birth of the Savior, Christ the Lord.

However, we begin the new Church year as it ended, awaiting the second coming of the Lord and his Kingdom. We pray, "Grant your faithful, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom."

Fr. Ron



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Schedule of Masses

Saturday, The Lord's Day Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Confession

Saturday: 4:00 PM



Please remember in your prayers...

Helene Mutti

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at office@stb-parish.net or 508-393-2838 and let us know the date you would like to request. Thank you.

Advent Special Events

The Season of Advent is a four-week season in preparation for the coming of the Lord leading up to Christmas and the Christmas season.



On the first Sunday of Advent we will bless the parish Advent Wreath at all Masses. If you have an Advent wreath that you use in your home, bring it to church on the First Sunday of Advent for a blessing. All those joining us by video, your wreaths will be blessed at the same time.

Our religious education families making a family Advent wreath at home, and others not able to come into the parish church, I will bless your Advent wreaths in the church parking lot after the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass, and following the Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Deacon John Larochelle, our seminarian Deacon, will preach his first homily in St. Bernadette parish at Masses on the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

Rev. Donato Infante III, diocesan Director of Vocations, will preach at Masses on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Father Donato will bless the new Vocations bookcase in the church gathering space. This bookcase is a gift from the Knights of Columbus through the Office of Vocations. It contains material, including books, pamphlets and prayer cards, to foster vocations, especially to the priesthood. Please visit it often, using the material to foster vocations in your family.

Offertory Collection

**Figures were not available at time of printing.
Please see the bulletin next week.**



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URBAN MISSIONARIES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2020

Each year during Advent, 100 tags for Urban Missionaries were placed on St. Bernadette's Giving Tree, along with tags for families in Northborough. Many of you have generously responded to previous announcements for the Northborough families and their needs have all been met ... a big **THANK YOU** to all of you! We are now looking to fill the needs for Urban Missionaries. If you are able to help, you may send a check or gift card to:

Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope
242 Canterbury Street
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or

You may log onto their website: www.urbanmissionaries.com and click on:
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or

Please click here to support our 2020 Christmas Giving Go Fund Me!

Please note that you are a member of St. Bernadette Parish.



All parishes in the Diocese of Worcester are joining together for the **Legacy of Hope** Campaign. This campaign seeks to raise \$32 million over the next 4 years to prepare our faith community for the future. At its heart, this campaign is about creating a legacy by focusing on our parishes, our retired priests, Catholic education, outreach, evangelization and our beautiful Cathedral. **St. Bernadette Parish will retain 40% of every dollar raised in our parish campaign effort to be used for our own local needs!**

To date, St. Bernadette Parish has raised **\$143,256**, which is 32% of our overall target! Thank you for your generous response to our parish needs!

To learn more about the Legacy of Hope Campaign, and watch our video, please visit:
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