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St. Joseph-St. Therese—St. Mary—Our Lady of Fatima



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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 p.m. — St. Mary's

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. — St. Mary's

10:30 a.m. — St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. — St. Mary's

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WEEKDAYS:

Monday	8AM	St. Mary's
Tuesday	8AM	St. Mary's
Wednesday	8AM	St. Mary's
Thursday	8AM	St. Mary's
Friday	8AM	St. Mary's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	3:15— 3:45PM	— St. Mary
Sunday	6:15— 6:45PM	— St. Mary

Adoration & Holy Hour

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

7PM Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

VISION STATEMENT

***To renew the presence of Christ
in our Community by being
disciples and stewards
of
Jesus Christ.***



The Churches are Handicap accessible.

December 20, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish especially Maria E. Correia, Pauline Vezina and Deborah Leedecke whose funeral masses were celebrated here.

This Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec (19)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative
Sunday	Dec (20)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Joseph M. Pimental (His wife, Lucy and sons, Korey and Austin)
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: Helen Phaneuf, Roger Root, James Patisteas, Deolinda & Francisco Bizarro, Leonard Oliveira, Anne Margaret Ranieri, Maria Ferreira, Joao Gaspar, M/M Manuel Resendes, & son Vasco Resendes.
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	Phyllis Protin (Diane Botelho)

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday	Dec (21)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Paz Wilkinson, Birthday Intention
Tuesday	Dec (22)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	James & Gertrude Mello (Sharon Mello-Young)
Wednesday	Dec (23)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Roland Dawson (His wife, Pearl Dawson)



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Thursday	Dec (24)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	Christmas Community Mass Intentions
		6:00PM	(SMNB)	Christmas Community Mass Intentions
Friday	Dec (25)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Christmas Community Mass Intentions
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	Christmas Community Mass Intentions

Next Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec (26)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative
Sunday	Dec (27)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Lucia da Costa, Maria Melo, Steven da Ponte, Antonio da Ponte, Cecilia Pereira & Artur Freitas
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	Hugh Murray (His wife, Hazel)
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: Renaud & DelVal Families, & For the intention of Mary Jane Walsh and all those who are terminally ill.



The Central Office will be closed on
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day,
December 24 & 25.

A Blessed and Healthy Christmas to All.

**It is important that you note which
Mass you attend. Should anyone test
positive for Covid-19 you may need to
be notified.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST MARY'S

The Hosts for the month of December are offered in memory of Sara Correia by her family



14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of Blanche Smith (Louis & Louise Trial).

In Memory of Mary Jane Monti (Louis & Louise Trial)

Icon Candle: In memory of Kevin Sullivan

Christmas Candles in memory of

James & Gertrude Mello by Sharon

The Arabasz Family by the Family

The Arabasz Family by the Family

Pauline and Eugene Gregoire by the family

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations on the birth of your child! The church celebrates with you and is ready to prepare you if this is your **FIRST** child being baptized at our Parishes. A welcoming instruction for parents and god-parents is required. Please call the Administrative office to schedule the preparatory meeting and sacramental celebration.

INITIATION OF ADULTS: Adults expressing an interest in becoming Catholic are invited to search through our RCIA formation process. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION: Grades 1-9. First Eucharist is a two year program, grades 1 and 2. Confirmation is a two year program, grades 8 & 9.

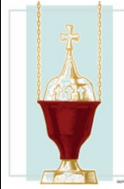
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to Fr. Raposo at least one year in advance of the intended date to allow adequate time for Parish and Diocesan Marriage preparation.

FOR OUR HOME-BOUND: Contact the Parish Office to receive Holy Communion at home if you are confined. **THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** May be received after any weekday Mass or by appointment.



St. Mary's is grateful to **Eden Florist & Garden Shop (508-748-0225)** for their donation of 2 wreaths for the front of our church and for the Rectory doors. May the Lord reward their generosity.

ST JOSEPH-ST THERESE



14-day Memorial Candles:

For the intention of Annette Pane for continued good health by her mom Sue.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA



14-day Memorial Candles:

In memory of Marc Letendre by his family.

Icon Candle in memory of Marc Letendre by his family.



Each parish in the collaborative can now accept donations online through the collaborative website at www.ccnbn.org please click on **online giving and choose your parish**. I realize many people are struggling financially during this crisis, however, I hope that many will find a way to support their parish with whatever they can afford at this time. God bless you and keep you safe.

12/5-6/2020

CHURCH	FIRST	SECOND	ONLINE
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2ndCollection this weekend (12/19-20) is for Education.

December 24/25 is the Christmas Collection

2nd Collection next weekend (12/26-27) is for Diocesan Assessment Tax.

Please note: Even though we are a collaborative we are separate entities. Therefore, when making your donation using a check, please make the check payable to the church you want to receive your donation and **not to CCNBN**. Thank You

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- SUN 12/20** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- MON 12/21** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- TUE 12/22** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
- WED 12/23** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- THR 12/24** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- FRI 12/25** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- SAT 12/26** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Thursday:** Christmas Eve
- Friday:** The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
- Saturday:** St. Stephen, the First Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



*O Come
All Ye
Faithful*



Catholic Community of New Bedford North



Christmas message

At this time of the celebration of the birth of Christ, we wish to send you our warm greetings. We assure you that you and your intentions will be remembered in our prayers and during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

While our celebrations this year will be different because of the Pandemic, their meaning will be the same - rejoicing that God is with us. Perhaps more than any other year we need to be reminded of and celebrate God's presence among us. We can so easily panic, turn to despair and lack hope due to the many challenges and difficulties that surround us.

At Christmas we are reminded that God so loved us that He sent His Son to be with us and be like us in all the things but sin. We are never alone, never abandoned. That is the cause of great rejoicing at Christmas and throughout the year.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless you at Christmas and in the New Year with much happiness, good health and holiness.

Christmas Schedule:

To assist you in your planning, this is the schedule for Masses for Christmas. All Masses will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church in New Bedford.

Christmas Eve:

4:00PM Rev. John A. Raposo
6:00PM Msgr. John J. Oliveira

Christmas Day:

8:00AM Rev. John A. Raposo
10:30AM Msgr. John J. Oliveira

Due to anticipated crowds and following Diocesan and civil guidelines admission for each Mass will be limited to 100.

To assure you that you will be able to attend the Mass of your choice, tickets will be needed to attend Mass. Tickets for you and your family must be obtained at the Central Office during Office Hours. (Tickets will not be mailed)

Please remember we Celebrate Christmas as an Octave (that is for eight days) so you may wish to come for the Feast of the Holy Family or New Year's to celebrate the Octave.

Faith Formation News

PLEASE NOTE: While we have no class this week, there is a video link we have shared with all of you containing a very special message for the Christmas season. Please download it and share it with your family.

This week's schedule:

Sunday, 12/20 NO CLASS - Happy Late Advent!

Next 2 weeks :

Sunday, 12/27 NO CLASS - Merry Christmas!

Sunday, 1/3/2021 NO CLASS - Happy New Year!

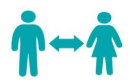
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Diocese of Fall River

Office of the Bishop

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

Bishop da Cunha's 2020 Christmas Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas is upon us, although seemingly a bit different this year. Because of the pandemic, many of us will not be celebrating in the ways we typically associate with Christmas - large family gatherings, holiday parties, seasonal concerts, and caroling.

However, I firmly believe that this can be a very special Christmas with less emphasis on many of the external and social dimensions of the season. What we have instead is an opportunity to focus more on the spiritual aspect—the true meaning of Christmas: the coming of Christ into our lives and into our world. So my prayer and hope for each one of you is that, as you celebrate Christmas this year - as family, as friends, as a community of faith – Jesus will be at the center of all that you do, the purpose for all you do and give meaning to all you do. Let us put Jesus back into Christmas, and as the saying goes, make Jesus truly the “reason for the season”.

This year, more than ever before, is a time to remember the blessing of the Octave of Christmas. The Catholic Church does not keep the celebration of Christmas to December 25th only. Christmas is celebrated over eight days, from Christmas Day to January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. What a marvelous opportunity to embrace the joy of the season, allowing the Light of Christ to dispel the darkness of the past nine months. Just as I did during Advent, I again encourage you as a family to place Christ at the center of your celebrations.

To all of us in the Diocese of Fall River, may the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace, fill us with a new peace, one that only He can give. Let us embrace not only His peace, but the joy of this season. I believe we will get through all the challenges ahead of us with the Lord's help. In His presence, in His grace, we'll reach a unique place this year where we can truly say that Christmas is about Christ.

May the peace, hope, and joy of this season be with us now and remain with us far beyond this Christmas. May these gifts, that only God can bestow upon us, reign in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world. May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed, and Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas! Feliz Natal! Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noël!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

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Kids Corner

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Think of the people you trust. These are people you can count on, no matter what happens. Both Mary and Elizabeth were amazed to learn that they were pregnant. God had surprised each of them with a special miracle - a baby. God trusted them both to take care of their babies. Mary and Elizabeth trusted God to help them. You can trust God, too.

PRAYER

God, help me to trust you like Mary and Elizabeth did.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Name three reasons you can always trust God.

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