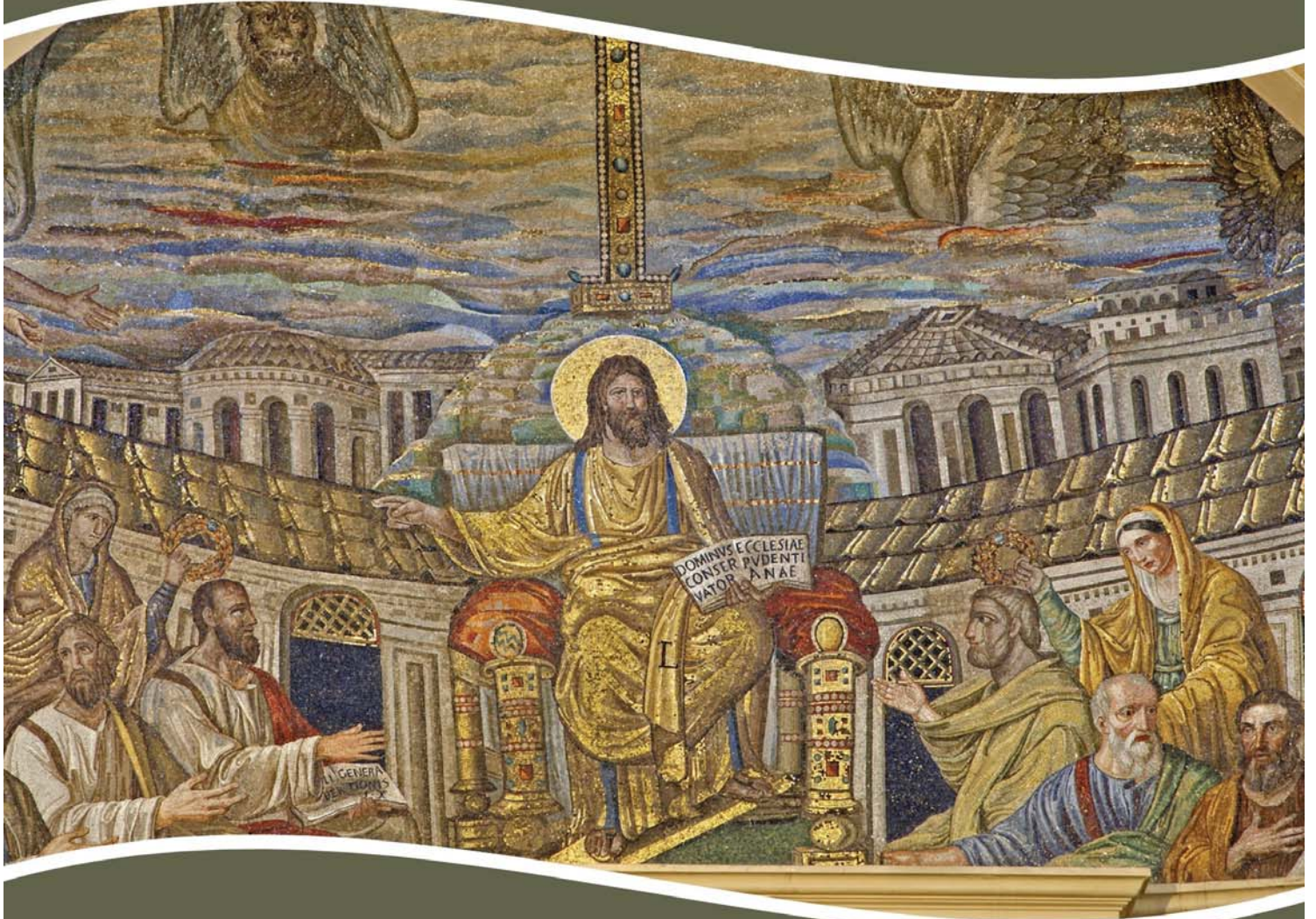


Sainte Anne Parish

Salem, MA



4TH

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

On the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Mark 1:21-22



Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We strive to live up to the motto: "We Are Family." We see ourselves as a local expression of the universal Church, the People of God, the Body of Christ. Through God's grace we seek to be welcoming and loving. Our life centers on the daily celebration of the Eucharist. We meet Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and are then challenged to bring His love to others.

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Rectory:

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Sainte Anne Parish

WEEKEND MASSES:Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM
DAILY MASSES: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES:As Announced
CAMEROON MASS:2nd and 4th Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
ROSARY GROUP:Thursday, 6:00 PM
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
CONFESSIONS:Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or By Appointment
CHAPEL:Closed Until Further Notice
CHURCH:Will Remain Open After 9 AM Mass Until 7 PM Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; Saturday 9 AM-5 PM;
Sunday Open for Mass Only

Welcome to New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office or online at stannesalem.org.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm. A preparation for parents and godparents will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Rectory. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a baptism.

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange for the celebration of your wedding.

Home Visitation: We are happy to visit for confession, holy communion, anointing of the sick, or with anyone who is unable to come to church. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill, in a weakened condition, facing surgery, entering hospice care, or near death. Please contact the Parish Office for this sacrament to be celebrated.

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Dear Holy People of God,

RE: Introducing the Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers: Ste. Anne's, A Praying Community

Warm Greetings in Christ Jesus. I wish to write to you this weekend on a subject most dear to my heart, and that is, prayer. I will spend the next two weeks reflecting on Christian Prayer.



Last Christmas 2020, by way of offering spiritual support to us all, the Pastoral Council offered all the members of our parish family, copies of the Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers, as a Christmas gift. I sincerely thank Connie Kirby for the enormous work she did in getting the effort to the printers. My gratitude goes as well to the Parish Pastoral Council for warmly embracing this initiative. Special thanks to Dr. Hilary Aroke and Mrs. Judy Ware of the Pastoral Council, for coordinating the distribution at all Holy Masses during the Christmas holiday period. God bless you all. Over 400 copies were received by the people of God of our parish.

I am very happy and grateful to God for the warm reception that this initiative has received. I have received many thank you cards from members of our parish family, even from those unable to attend our weekend liturgies, expressing gratitude for this Christmas gift of our Book of Prayers. Permit me to share with you some of the notes I received:

"Thank you Father for your beautiful prayer book - it has prayers for every day or any personal prayer. I am 91 years old and cannot attend mass any longer, so this book is perfect. Thank you again Father, you are in my everyday prayers (...)."

Another member of the parish family wrote: **"Many thanks for the Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers. It is a very loving and thoughtful gift of grace which we all can benefit from and appreciate. May the Parish Council and all the parishioners be blessed with a healthy, holy 2021 (...)."**

And another wrote: **"(...) I left one of the Book of Prayers sitting around at home and my brother (N), who is at best a twice a year Catholic and who skipped Christmas this year, picked it up and asked if he could have it. A day later he told me that it's the best prayer book he has seen yet and felt he could really connect with it! I was really about to write him off as a lifelong heathen. God works in mysterious ways (...) So grateful that you put that together!"**

And many more

Dear Holy People of God, the life of Jesus Christ, is the model of prayer for us all. At the very start of his public ministry, Jesus prayed in the desert, fasting forty days and nights. Before Jesus called his 12 apostles, he spent the night in prayer. Before he brought Lazarus back to life, Jesus prayed. Before he taught the Our Father prayer, Jesus prayed. Before the Passion, Jesus spent time in the Garden of Gethsemane in prayer. On the Cross, Jesus prayed to his Father. In fact, the great change that Jesus brought to the crucifixion was that he transformed an otherwise bitter experience into an act of prayer, praying for the Father's forgiveness for those crucifying him. Jesus' whole life was a life of prayer. Jesus never did anything without praying. Prayer kept Jesus in touch with his heavenly Father.

So why do we pray? To respond to this question, I cannot speak in an objective, general sense. I must speak in the subjective sense, as a particular individual. Why do I pray? I pray because prayer is like oxygen to me. I cannot do without prayer. As a Christian, it has been impossible for me to live without prayer. That is not to say that the feeling for prayer has always been constant. Truth be told, there have been days, moments, when I haven't felt like praying. Sometimes my personal prayer moments have been dry. Sometimes I just want to rush through the time of prayer.

But one thing I have noticed: Whenever I have gone against my instincts and feelings to pray when I do not feel like praying, those moments of prayer have been special and rewarding. I have felt blessed. St. Ignatius of Loyola recommends that if one usually prayed for say 10 minutes in the evening and then on a particular evening, one felt like not praying at all, one should rather strive to pray for 15 or 20 minutes. What this means is that prayer is not of the emotions or feelings, but of the will. Prayer is an exercise of the human will. Prayer is a decision of the will. Thus, in order to overcome the temptation not to pray, add a few more minutes to your time of prayer.

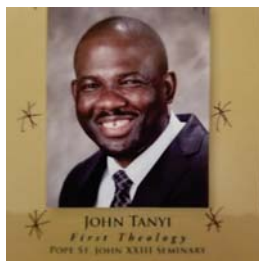
I am not sure I could be a priest for an hour, without daily prayer. And I would imagine it would be the same for you: How could you be a Christian without prayer?

Our Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers is a little tool to help us pray better. Prayer is like a school, and our Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers is a text book that Jesus is using to help us further develop our prayer life. So what is Christian prayer? And how can we develop our prayer life? What is the relationship between prayer and being a Christian? (To be continued, Fr. Maurice)

P.S. I heartily welcome Fr. Casmir Bello to our parish. Fr. Casmir will reside at Ste. Anne's while studying at Boston College.

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. I trust you are all trying to be well during these uncertain times of COVID-19. God will definitely see us through.



My heartfelt gratitude to you all for the financial and spiritual support. I am very grateful to you all for the support, especially considering the financial difficulty caused by the virus. May God replenish your sources. Thank you for having accepted me as a member and seminarian of Ste. Anne's Parish. Thank you for offering me a home in the Archdiocese of Boston.

I am back in the seminary and I am happy to be going through the formation program. Kindly remember me in your prayers as I often think of you when I pray. I look forward to the day when the Lord will call me to the Sacred Priesthood. I look forward to the day I will be able to preside at the liturgy in my beloved home parish, Ste. Anne's.

May St. Anne, the mother of Mary, intercede for us all.

Yours Faithfully,
John Tanyi

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to the St. Vincent de Paul Society during the month of December. The final total for the month was an amazing \$11,369.05! Our very generous anonymous donor who has matched December contributions up to \$10,000 for the last several years, has said that they will match the entire amount collected this year, so that is \$22,738.10 added to our treasury in December to help the needy. Your contributions were especially appreciated during this pandemic, when so many people who have not needed help in the past, are in need now due to COVID related job loss/work hour reduction. We said a prayer of thanksgiving at our last Zoom meeting for our benefactors and also prayed for the health and safety of all of you.



While we can't be at the church doors for our regular collections, you may place your donation in one of the collection boxes at Ste. Anne's or you may also mail checks made out to St. Vincent de Paul and addressed to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 158 Federal Street, Salem, MA 01970. Thank you for your continued generosity to help the needy in Salem.

Catholic Schools Week begins on January 31! This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service."

For Catholics, learning is not simply informational but formational. Catholic education invites young people to view the world and all its wonders through a vision of faith: to learn why God made the world, us, and for what purpose each one has been put on this earth. Our Catholic schools have kept their standards of excellence despite all the challenges of the past year, and our Catholic schools foster lasting values that help students learn to serve God and His children in charity and love.



In the North Region, we have 17 elementary schools, 3 middle and high schools combined, and 3 high schools. All these schools enhance opportunities for our youngest members and are a tremendous place of faith and learning that I hope all our parishes support.

During Catholic Schools Week schools normally celebrate with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Without a doubt some of these usual ways of celebrating will be curtailed this year. Nevertheless, it is important to mark the week in some significant fashion and I know our school administrators will be creative. Let us support them and our Catholic schools.

Support our schools! Encourage enrollment in our Catholic schools in the North Region! For more information, visit the Catholic Schools Office at www.csoboston.org

Catholic schools prepare every student to meet the challenges of their future
by developing their mind, yes, but also their body and their soul and spirit.

~ David Vitter

"Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing." - St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30	Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm	Rita Pelletier, in Remembrance, by Gloria Matton
Sunday, January 31	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	Parish Family
Monday, February 1	
9:00 am	Parish Family
Tuesday, February 2	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
9:00 am	Roland Pinault, 12th Anniversary, by the Ware Family
Wednesday, Feb. 3	
9:00 am	Parish Family
Thursday, February 4	
9:00 am	Parish Family
Friday, February 5	Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
9:00 am	Parish Family
Saturday, February 6	Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
4:00 pm	Parish Family
Sunday, February 7	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Arthur Connors, by Kelly, Mark & Ben Louf
11:00 am	June Urbanski, by the Arts & Environment Committee

In the event of a snowstorm, daily Mass will **NOT** be held at 9AM, but will be held instead at **4:30PM** to allow time for snow removal. All closings will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page.



Thursday Eucharistic Adoration



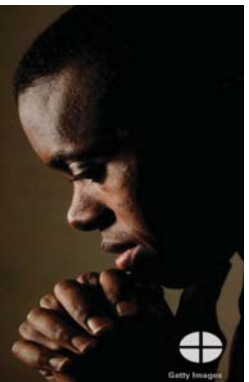
Dear Holy People of God, as you know, our parish has Adoration of the Eucharist every Thursday. I understand these are very difficult times. But from my limited experience of life, I firmly believe that prayer before the Eucharistic Lord really brings with it much courage and strength. If we feel overwhelmed and crushed by the present circumstances, then the right place to be is with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please kindly consider signing up for an Hour with the Lord. We need more Adorers to stay with the Lord, for the good of our parish, our families, and our world. (Fr. Maurice)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

SUNDAY Jan. 31	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
MONDAY Feb. 1	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
TUESDAY Feb. 2	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
WEDNESDAY Feb. 3	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
THURSDAY Feb. 4	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
FRIDAY Feb. 5	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
SATURDAY Feb. 6	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
SUNDAY Feb. 7	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

—Ps 95



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2021

"We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice." —Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019

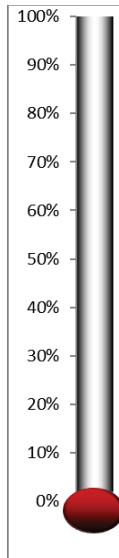
The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light of the nations" and the "glory of Israel," but also "a sign that is spoken against." The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has "prepared in the presence of all peoples" (CCC, no. 529).

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Your financial support of the parish pays for utilities, staff and clergy salaries, property maintenance, supplies, and supports our parish ministries. Everything we do as a parish relies on the offertory collections and other donations. Your continuing generous and sacrificial giving will assist your parish to provide for your spiritual needs and to serve the wider community. **Merci and Thank You!**

Collection for Weekend of 1/24/21	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$2,470	\$395
Sacramentals		
Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel	\$140	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$62	
Solemnity of Mary	\$1	
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust	\$50	
John Tanyi, Seminarian	\$775	
Retirement Fund Religious Sisters	\$20	
Churches in Latin America	\$637	
Totals	\$4,155	\$395
Grand Total	\$4,550	



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For the Military: Jason Boyle, Nicholas Budka, Sean Patrick Mautone, Keith Lovely, David Irwin, K. Ryan McKinley, Michael Angers

For all victims of the Coronavirus, for all front line workers, and for all medical researchers that they may find an effective prevention.

For all the deceased members of our parish.

For our parish community and its needs, that we would open ourselves to the transforming message of the gospel and heed the call of Christ.

For Priests and Seminarians:

Saturday - Fr. Ken Cannon and Christopher Letizia
Sunday - All Salesians
Monday - Fr. Shawn Carey and Ulises Diaz
Tuesday - Msgr. George Carlson and Michael Castellon
Wednesday - Fr. John Carmichael and Peter Sang Van Hoang
Thursday - Fr. Christopher Casey and Joseph Thuy Van Nguyen
Friday - Fr. Thomas Buckley and Hung Viet Tran
Saturday - Fr. Paul Curran and Alphonsus Hien Quang Vu

Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.



DIED C. 316
FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 2

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Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out. **PRAYER:** God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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