

Sainte Anne Parish

Salem, MA



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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

God said: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Genesis 9:12-13



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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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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Ste. Anne's, A Praying Community



Dear Holy People of God,

Praise be Jesus Christ, Now and Forever, Amen!

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of the Holy Season of Lent, a time which our Christian tradition calls our attention to the three pious exercises of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Though different in emphasis, these three spiritual exercises are closely related. Prayer is the sacred experience and encounter with God, a moment of intentional intimacy with God. Fasting disciplines the body, killing the attractions of the human flesh and makes the human being more attentive and spiritually alert to God. Almsgiving reminds us that we cannot love God without loving the neighbor, and that for the Christian, the way to God always passes through the way to the neighbor, for God is love (1 John 4:8). And isn't the Holy Season of Lent a reminder of God's unconditional love, the measure of God's love which is to love without measure? For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in him might not perish but might have everlasting life (John 3:16). That is the story of Lent, namely, God's gift of his Son, for the salvation of the world. I encourage everyone to give of yourself generously this Holy Season. Create time for Prayer. And this brings me to the point of our reflection these weeks, namely, on Christian prayer.

Dear Holy People of God, last week we began our explanation of Contemplative Prayer. We explained Contemplative Prayer as letting ourselves to enter into the presence of Christ, to open ourselves in the scenes of the Gospel, to be active in the happenings of the Gospel actions. As we pointed out, the first step of Contemplative Prayer is the **Preparation** for Prayer. We indicated that we have to prepare for prayer, by positioning ourselves in a spirit of recollection and silence. It is not easy for the human mind to become recollected and refocused. It is not just magical. I further indicated that we need to have a **Specific Grace or Graces** in mind when we get into prayer. In other words, come into prayer with an expectant faith. When I read the Bible, I notice that God is happy when we ask him for things. Sometimes he says yes, other times, no. We must be open to both yes and no from God. Like a mother or a father, God sometimes says yes, you can have it; and sometimes, no, you can't have it. And again, as we pointed out last week, the third aspect of Contemplative Prayer is to **allow myself to be actively present in the company of Jesus**. Honestly, God does not like passive presences. Repeatedly in the Gospels, Jesus tells us to watch, to be alert, to be conscious. How do we allow ourselves to be pulled into the presence of Jesus?

Last week, I invited us to a contemplative prayer with the text in which Jesus goes to the house of Simon Peter and meets Simon's mother-in-law sick in bed with fever (Luke 4:38-40). With Contemplative Prayer, you allow yourself to be present with the scene of the action. In this instance, therefore, you are there when Jesus comes in. Perhaps you are also a friend of Simon, and you have come because you heard of the illness of his mother-in-law. There is anxiety in the air. There is, perhaps, uncertainty. Medicine was not as developed then, so perhaps, we are unsure of the nature of the illness. Then Jesus comes in, goes to her sick bed, and restores her to health. Life returns. Joy returns. After Jesus restores the health of Simon's mother-in-law, he turns his attention to those present. Jesus goes round greeting the other guests. And Jesus finally meets you. You are not ill with fever, but you have so many other things that leave you as ill as Simon's mother-in-law. Perhaps, the issues you are dealing with are even worse. Jesus looks at you, and you are afraid that this man who is such a wonder worker, a miracle worker, might be able to see through you, see through the cosmetics, the masks. He is able to see you inside out. He is able to see what others don't see. You are looking at Jesus and Jesus is looking at you. **You say nothing yet to Jesus, and Jesus says nothing to you, as well. You are just there, present. You and Jesus. Jesus and you.**

Let's enter into another scene of the Gospels, the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5). You are seated in a quiet space or taking a walk by the beautiful coastline of Salem or Manchester by the Sea. You look around you and you see many people seated and looking at Jesus. For some reason, you find yourself sitting close to Jesus as he begins speaking: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God; Blessed are the meek, they will inherit the earth; Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called children of God; Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, they shall be satisfied; Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted. Etc. Etc. Now, assuming that you are sitting there and listening to all of that. You feel the breeze blowing. Then for some reason, your gaze catches that of Jesus. You are looking into Jesus' eyes, and Jesus is looking into yours. **You say nothing yet to Jesus, and Jesus says nothing to you as well. You are just there, present. You and Jesus. Jesus and you.** (To be continued)

Dear Holy People of God, I wish to share with you this testimony I got this week, from a member of our parish family. We all can open ourselves to Contemplative Prayer:

Fr. Maurice,

I took your advice from this past Sunday's parish bulletin about Contemplative Prayer.

I went to YouTube this evening (Tuesday) and prayed a rosary for the Sorrowful Mysteries.

I allowed the people praying it to say it without me saying each prayer out loud. I simply closed my eyes and placed myself in each decade as if I was there and felt it more powerfully than I have, possibly ever. And you were right. The 15 minutes went by extremely fast. Thank you for your priestly service to Ste. Anne's parish. (NN)

I wish you all a blessed and holy season of Lent. I pray for you all daily. (Fr. Maurice)

RESOURCES FOR LENT



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Dr. Scott Hahn and The St. Paul Center are offering a free Lenten streaming event of brand-new

Scripture study - *Parousia - The Bible and the Mass* beginning on Ash Wednesday. This ten episode study is free and available on the St. Paul Center app, which is available for Apple and Android. With the app, you can also read and take to prayer Scott Hahn's weekly reflections on the Sunday Bible readings to prepare your heart for Mass like never before; access hundreds of audio and video resources, from audio courses to the highest quality video Bible studies, and more; keep track of all your St. Paul Center digital content with your library.

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Lenten Parish Retreat

Our Lenten Parish Retreat begins on the Second Sunday of Lent, **Sunday, February 28, 2021**. The retreat will take place in the church from **7-8PM** and will include Vespers, Scripture, Reflection and Benediction (Tool: Ste. Anne's Book of Prayers). We hope you will join us as we share our Lenten journey together.

As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded of the importance of our parish communities that allow us to fully live out our faith. The support of the ministries at the Archdiocese of Boston help our parish continue serving the faithful in this community. Consider making an early gift to this year's Catholic Appeal to help ensure these ministries can continue helping our parish, and all parishes, schools, and communities throughout our Archdiocese of Boston. Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code below.



Support the Church around the World

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe (this collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule), and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their

websites:

1. CRS: <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection>
 2. Church in Africa <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-africa>
 3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-central-eastern-europe>
 4. Military Archdiocese <http://www.milarch.org/>
 5. Catholic Home Missions: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>
 6. Black and Indian Missions <https://blackandindianmission.org/>
- Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

**Ste. Anne's
Religious
Education
Program - 2021**



Bishop Mark O'Connell will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **February 21st at 1PM**. Because of the pandemic, a service for the Confirmands, parents, and 2 guests will replace the Mass. Kindly keep the adults and young teens in your prayers.

Aaron Ambas
Lenin Anutebeh
Alexandria Boucher
Paul Burns
Conor Clyne
Nicole Delos Reyes
Devyn Gauthier
Griffin L'Italien
Julia Larrabee
Calan Maxfield
Thomas McCarthy
Grace Milano
Madison O'Keefe
Shawn O'Keefe
William Sousa
Peter Tsoutsouras

Please note, if you currently use weekly Offertory envelopes, please disregard the envelope attached to the bulletin for the second collection on February 27/28th. The Catholic Relief Services Collection is included on the Second Collection envelope. The envelope attached to the bulletin is meant for people who do not have weekly envelopes. Thank you.



Saturday, February 20 Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Lydia & Reginald Thibodeau, by Susan & Bob Quinn
Gerard Matton, by Gloria Matton & children

Sunday, February 21 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Parish Family
11:00 am Jaime Lacza, by the Family

Monday, February 22 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

9:00 am

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 am

Wednesday, Feb. 24

9:00 am Lucille Blanchette, Birthday Remembrance
Gloria Volpe, in Loving Memory, by the Volpe Family

Thursday, February 25

9:00 am

Friday, February 26

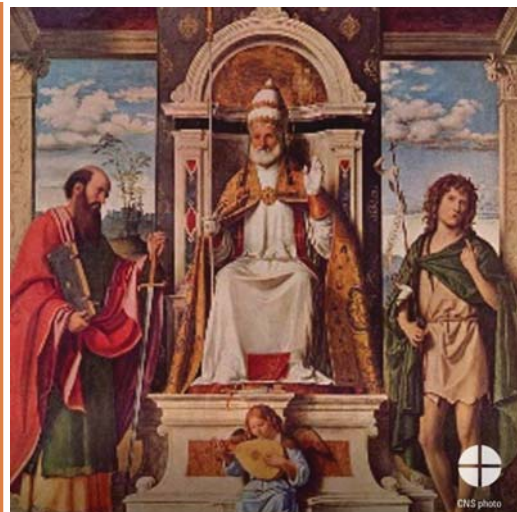
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Saturday, February 27 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Rita Pelleter, in Remembrance, by Gloria Matton

Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Parish Family
11:00 am Richard Martineau, 13th Anniversary, by the Family



FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

February 22nd is the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter! This feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps. and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

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Calling all Ste. Anne's parishioners: Grandma is asking for YOUR help. Can you look in your attics, cellars (basements), cabinets for the following items we know we can sell?

- ◆ Skis, Ski Poles, Ice Skates, Sled/Snow Tubes;
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- ◆ Cleaning Supplies;
- ◆ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Book #4).

Thank You, Judy Ware 781.258.6974
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Easter Flowers and Decorations

It's that time again, we ask you to make a donation in memory of a loved one so that we can purchase the necessary flowers and decorations. The names of your loved ones will be listed in a bulletin insert and we ask that they be remembered in all our prayers. **Please mark an envelope Flower Donation.** Drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Center. **Easter donation in memory of:**

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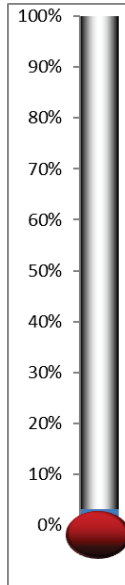
In the event of a snowstorm, daily Mass will **NOT** be held at **9AM**, but will be held instead at **4:30PM** to allow time for snow removal. All closings will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page.



FINANCIAL UPDATE - SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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 2/14/21	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$3,026	\$675
Sacramentals	\$55	
Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel	\$85	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$964*	
Grand Annual	\$300	
Catholic Appeal	\$100	
Fr. B Memorial	\$564	
Utility	\$60	
Church in Latin America	\$20	
Totals	\$5,174	\$675
Grand Total	\$5,849	



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* \$575 in checks payable to St. Vincent dePaul

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

SUNDAY Feb. 21	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MONDAY Feb. 22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
TUESDAY Feb. 23	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Feb. 24	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Feb. 25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
FRIDAY Feb. 26	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Feb. 27	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY Feb. 28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

THERE IS *Nothing* TOO GREAT OR TOO SMALL
FOR PRAYER

For the Sick: Jason Alexander, Dorothy Sherry, Armen Sarafian, Pat John, Steve L., Kathleen Levy, Ron Budka, Leona Budka, Denise Wells, Kayla Campagna, Jay P., Madeline St. Pierre, Joan Driscoll Bick, Pat Jalbert, Steven Conner, Raymond Thompson, Larry Blanchard, Chris Hall, Laurie Babbitt, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Carol Whynott, Barbara Newman, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Bill Walters, Frank Popielski, Jean Sacco, Pauline Bellomo, J. Richard Julien

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

For God's protection for all of God's children, for the health and safety of everyone during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 the conversion of our hearts and minds during this Lenten season, that we would strive to imitate our Lord and the blessed Virgin Mary.

For Priests and Seminarians:

Saturday -	Fr. David Gunter and Mateus Martin
Sunday -	Msgr. Peter Conley and Colin McNabb
Monday -	Pope Francis
Tuesday -	Fr. John Healy and John O'Dowd
Wednesday -	Fr. George Hines and Steven Restrepo
Thursday -	Fr. Roger Jacques and Paolo Strudthoff
Friday -	Fr. Edward Gallagher and Diego Valdez
Saturday -	Fr. Robert Labrie and Jose Montero Burgos

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