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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Luke 3:4



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.

Sainte Anne Parish

Parish and Religious Education Offices:

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Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am- 1pm

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PRAYER MOMENTS

	lay 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM	
	Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM	
HOLY DAY MASSES:	As Announced	
CAMEROON MASS:2r	nd and 4th Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM	
CONGOLESE COMMUNITY MASS:	Sunday 4:00 PM	
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:	Thursday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM	
	EEKDAYS 8:30 AM; SATURDAYS 3:30 PM	
	SUNDAYS 8 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM	
CONFESSIONS:Satu	rday 3:15-3:45 PM or By Appointment	
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL:	Tuesdays, 6-8 PM	
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP:Thursday, 8-11 PM		
CHURCH:Will Remain Open	After 9 AM Mass Until 5 PM Monday	
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 AM-5 PM		
Sunday Open for I	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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Advent 2021 and the Three Comings of the Lord And Praying for our World the 7 Penitential Psalms

Dear Holy People of God,

As we continue this season of Holy Advent, I wish to remind us of the great truth of Advent: interior conversion of heart! True religion is always leading to conversion! We cannot say that we have become converted enough, and hence, no room for progress or growth in the spiritual life. Advent, with its call to prepare for the Lord's coming, offers us a unique opportunity to ask, like Peter and the others around the Lord at the Last Supper, is it I, Lord? One can never be assured of one's innocence before God. There are hidden sins, sins unknown to us, sins of omission, sins of neglect and indifference, sinful thoughts that do not wish others well; and so on, and so forth. Who can stand before the judgment of God without feeling afraid?

The Holy Season of Advent gives us the opportunity to look back with discernment and forward with hope. But hope only comes about after we have examined our past, after we have made straight the crooked pathway of sin that is hidden in us. And that is why Advent is really a time of conversion, of making ourselves ready, not only to celebrate the first coming of the Lord over 2000 years ago, but two other comings: the second, the daily coming of our Lord at Holy Mass and in the neighbor; and the third, the coming of our Lord at the end of age. Summarily, therefore, Advent reminds us of these three comings of the Lord: in history (Galatians 4:4), which is what we celebrate at Christmas; the second coming in our daily lives; and the third and final coming, when history will come to a close, and the Angel of the Apocalypse will sound the trumpet, and the voices in heaven will declare, "The Kingdom of the world now belongs to our Lord and to his Anointed, and he will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

In order to help us prepare spiritually, I wish to propose the following: Prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please, do not allow Advent to pass by without going to Confession. This is the most important sacrament that prepares us for the Lord's coming. Secondly, to pray, I wish to propose that together as a parish, we pray, at home and in our private moments in Church,

DAILY, during this Holy Season, the Seven Penitential Psalms, for our world. Many of our contemporaries are frightened. The news fills us with frightening stories about our world. I wish to invite us to pray the Seven Penitential Psalms during this entire season. If you can't pray the Seven, at least, pray One each day, with the intention of lifting the whole world to God:

How to Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms this Advent

- 1. Begin: The Sign of the Cross.
- 2. Invitatory Antiphon: Listen to Me, O Lord, and show me your mercy, for I am a sinner before You.
- 3. Read the Psalm slowly, listening with your heart as you read them.
- 4. Observe some silence after reading the Psalm.

Link each Psalm with each of the Seven capital sins:

After Praying Psalm 6, add: From the sin of Pride, O Lord, deliver me:

After Praying Psalm 32, add, From the sin of Avarice, O Lord, deliver me;

After Praying Psalm 38, add, From the sin of Envy, O Lord, deliver me:

After Praying Psalm 51, add, From the sin of Wrath, O Lord, deliver me;

After Praying Psalm 102, add, From the sin of Lust, O Lord, deliver me;

After Praying Psalm 130, add, From the sin of Gluttony, O Lord, deliver me;

After Praying Psalm 143, add, From the sin of Sloth, O Lord, deliver me.

5. Conclude with the Glory be to the Father and the Hail Holy Queen.

God bless you, and I wish you a holy season of Advent. (Fr. Maurice)

Dear Holy People of God, please note the following:

- 1. Holy Name Society Men's Group meets at the Rectory, **Friday**, **December 17**th **at 7PM**. All men are invited. It is a very supportive group for men seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus and their understanding of their faith.
- 2. Bible study on the Book of Job comes up **December 17**th **from 6-6:50PM**. Pizza will be served. Venue: Parish Center.
- 3. We need more children to join our Ste Anne's Children Choir. Contact the parish office to register your child.
- 4. Our Christmas concert comes up **Saturday**, **December 11**th **at 7PM**. Please all are invited to this musical celebration.
- 5. The Knights of Columbus is restarting at our parish. Kindly contact me at agbawm@gmail.com if you are interested. All adult Catholic men are welcome to join.
- 6. The March for Life comes up in DC, **January 21, 2022**. Please if you are interested in participating, know that you are not alone. Contact the parish office to give your name so that we can plan to attend as a parish.
- 7. We will be having a meeting of all the Heads of Ministries this week. Emails and text messages will be sent out to all the concerned.

God bless, Fr. Maurice

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Donations may be made in memory of a loved one toward the purchase of flowers and decorations for the altar for Christmas. All memorial donations will be published in a bulletin insert and we ask that they be remembered in our prayers. Please complete the

form below and place it in an envelope marked "Flower Donation-Christmas."

Envelopes may be placed in the regular collection. Thank you!
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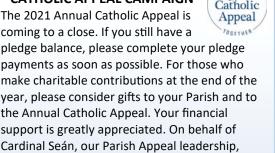
Inspiration for the week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

Project Nazareth: Advent Series

How can we help our families establish Catholic traditions at home? One way is by encouraging our families to live Advent in expectation of the coming of Jesus. Project Nazareth is offering a free 4-week Advent series to help families prepare for Christmas. It's simple! All parents need to do is sign up and then each week they receive the resources in their inbox (beginning November 21st). They also gain access to our Nazareth Nights, a virtual gathering for community among all Project Nazareth users. All you have to do is share the sign-up link (https://bit.ly/PNAdvent) with your parents and we do the rest! Let's ! help Advent begin at home!

HELP US CLOSE OUT OUR 2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL CAMPAIGN



www.stannesalem.org. Remember that when our Parish exceeds its goal, a percentage of the additional funds received are returned for use in our Parish. Raised to date: \$15,103.

Parish staff, and me, thank you for supporting

your neighbors throughout the Archdiocese of

Boston. Every gift is important and appreciated. If you have not made a gift as yet and you wish to

be part of the 2021 Catholic Appeal, it's not too

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- Window candles (single, triple, five)
- Christmas mugs and dishes
- Gift bags, wrapping paper, bows

WE ALSO HAVE GREAT GIFT IDEAS: jewelry, new toys (marionettes, dolls). Come see for yourself and of course you are welcome to shop all areas. We have items you did not even know you needed! Contact Alma Pelletier at 978.314.7344.



Saturday, Dec. 4th St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the

Church

4:00 pm Jeanne Guilmette, dear Mother's 9th

Anniversary, by Gloria Matton

John J. Donahue, 24th Anniversary, by his Wife

Dianne and Family

Archambault & Kelley Families, by Gloria Kelley

Sunday, Dec. 5th Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am John Moorehouse, Memorial by Margaret

Singleton

Angelina Scialdone

11:00 am Genevieve J. Morneau, in Loving Memory, by

the Family

John J. Donahue, 24th Anniversary, by his Wife

Dianne and Family

4:00 pm Congolese Community

Monday, Dec. 6th Saint Nicholas, Bishop

9:00 am Henry Jalette, Jr., for Healing, by Connie Kirby

Tuesday, Dec. 7th Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Richard Norman Lemelin, by his Family

Wednesday, Dec. 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Ruth Nicholson

Thursday, Dec. 9th

9:00 am Parish Family

Friday, December 10th

9:00 am Parish Family

Saturday, Dec. 11th Saint Damasus I, Pope

4:00 pm Parish Family

Sunday, Dec. 12th Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Margaret McCarthy, Birthday Memorial

Remembrance, by her Daughter Margaret

Singleton

11:00 am Charlie Pierga, 1st Anniversary, by the Family

Rosie Lamarre, by his Loving Wife Grace

Doris Dupuis, 9th Anniversary, by her sister

Dianne Donahue

1:00 pm Cameroon Community

4:00 pm Congolese Community

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 Babbin, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Barbara Newman, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Bill Walters, Pauline Bellomo, Henry Jalette, Jr., Maria Abramo, Erin Jalbert, Susan Engel, Patricia Davern, Jim O'Connell, Dennis Uram, Debbie Erwin, Veronica Kelley, Marion Blanchette

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

For all of the deceased members of our parish.

For our Advent celebration, that it will be a reflection on the coming of Christ, filled with prayer, repentance, and love for God and neighbor.

For Priests and Seminarians:

Saturday - Fr. John Paris and Jose Ignacio

Montero Burgos

Sunday - Fr. William Cuddy and David Joanis

Monday - Fr. Joseph White and Christopher

Letizia

Tuesday - Fr. James O'Driscoll and Mateus de

Oliveira Martin

Wednesday - Fr. Derek Borek and Rodrigo

Martinez

Thursday - Cardinal Seán O'Malley

Friday - Fr. Charles Salamone and Rafael

Milla

Saturday - Fr. Kevin Hickey and Barry

Mongeon

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what the Church calls us to focus on in these opening weeks of Advent. How might we prepare for the coming of Christ now and at the hour of our death? St. Paul offers some ideas for what we need to do. He prays that our love will increase in knowledge and perception, that we will discern what is of value, and that we will live pure and blameless lives. St. Paul encourages us with the reminder that God has already begun this good work in us and will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. In this coming week, ask for the grace to keep the focus on Christ. Remember, that even in the midst of all that seeks to distract, God is with you.

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 11/28/21	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$3,180	\$740
Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel	\$843	\$55
Sacramentals	\$20	
Gifts & Bequests	\$20	
Grand Annual	\$3,700	
Religious Sisters	\$90	\$5
Catholic Appeal	\$382	
Grandma's Attic-Presales	\$1,000	
Grandma's Attic-Weekend Sale	\$1,801	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$655	
Totals	\$11,691	\$800
Grand Total:	\$12,491	

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GRAND ANNUAL

Goal - \$55,000

Current Total -

\$14,530.50 (26%)

Second Collection - December 12th - St. Vincent de Paul

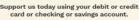
Online Giving 11/21/21: Offertory \$895; Maintenance & Repair \$75; Religious Education \$20; St. Vincent de Paul \$45

Society of St Vincent de Paul - Once again this year, we have been blessed with an anonymous donor who will match all donations made to the Salem St. Vincent de Paul Society during the month of December. This is an opportunity for members of the Salem community to double the value of a gift to help Jesus and his poor. What better way to celebrate this Christmas season, especially in this second year of the pandemic, than to help the needy in our own city? All donations made in the month of December will qualify for the match. We can't be at the church doors for our regular collections, but you may place your donation in the collection box any time during the month of December. You may also mail checks made out to St. Vincent de Paul at 158 Federal Street, Salem, MA 01970. For the fiscal year ending September 30th, your donations helped to fund \$110,349 in assistance to the poor in Salem, including \$58,891 for overdue rent to avoid eviction; \$19,663 for past due electricity and fuel bills to avoid shut off of those utilities; \$23,609 for food vouchers; and \$7,046 for miscellaneous items such as beds and bedding, car repairs, diapers and medical expenses. Because we are a volunteer organization, our operating expenses were just \$1,140 for the year. We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions which help the needy of Salem. Two of our valued team members died during the last year and another valued member moved out of state. We are therefore very much in need of new members. If you would like to join in Jesus's call to help those in need, please consider joining our team. Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 13th at 6:30PM in the St. James conference room, which is below the MQOA office - entrance is from the large parking lot behind St. James church, at the corner of Flint St and Bridge Street. Thank you again for your generosity, which helps the needy of Salem.

WeShare Donor Match Program

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider, WeShare, is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1st and December 31st, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today. Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the WeShare Customer Support team at 877.316.0260. (https:// stannesalem.churchgiving.com/)





1 Visit www.stannesalem.org/ and click **Online Giving**.

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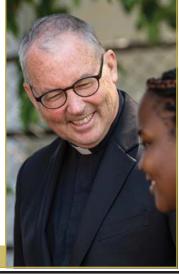
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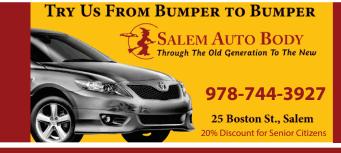
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