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First Sunday of ADVENT



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Welcome!

PRAYER MOMENTS

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday | 9AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00PM

Sunday | 8:30AM, 11AM

Cameroon | 1PM (2nd/4th Sun)

Congolese | 4PM (Sun)

Confession

Saturday | 3:15-3:45PM or by
appointment

Adoration

Thursday | 9:30AM-6:45PM

Rosary

Weekdays | 8:30AM

Saturday | 3:30PM

Sunday | 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Tuesday | 6-8PM

Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group

Thursday | 8-11PM

Church is Open

9AM-5PM M, Tu, W, F |

Saturday and Sunday open for
Mass only

LEARN ABOUT US

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SAINTE ANNE PARISH, SALEM, MA

Our Mission

Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. 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.

Welcome to New Parishioners

We pray that you find warmth, encouragement, and spiritual growth in our Parish. We're glad you're here and we look forward to getting to know you. Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office at 978.744.1930 or send an email to: info@stannesalem.org.

Our Parish Story

Sainte Anne Roman Catholic Church is located in the Castle Hill neighborhood of South Salem, Massachusetts. Ste. Anne's was established as a French parish in 1901 to serve the large French-Canadian population living in Salem at the time. An increasing number of families from the Cameroon, Congolese, and Filipino communities now call Ste. Anne's their spiritual home.

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PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

Saturday, November 26

4:00 pm

Kathleen Blair, 1st Anniversary, by Jeanne Gallant

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

Parish Family

Monday, November 28

9:00 am

Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, by Jessie P. Louis

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 am

Repose of the Soul of Dina Russo, by Anne Volpe

Wednesday, November 30

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

9:00 am

Anita Louise Page, by Lorette Theriault

Thursday, December 1

9:00 am

Repose of the Soul of Dina Russo, by Margaret M. Singleton

Friday, December 2

9:00 am

For the Souls in Purgatory, by Jessie P. Louis

Saturday, December 3

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

4:00 pm

For the Souls in Purgatory, by Lactitiae Pierre-Louis

Jeanne Guilmette, 10th Anniversary, by her daughter, Gloria

Mary Michaud, 6th Anniversary, by her daughter Ann

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

Roger Ouellette, 12th Anniversary, by the Family

Rosie Lamarre, by his loving wife, Grace

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Weekly Readings

Sunday

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

PASTOR'S NOTE



FROM THE PASTOR

Walk in the Light of the Lord in Preparation for His Coming

Dear Parishioners,

I welcome you all into the season of Advent. This season opens the Church's new liturgical calendar. So, in this context, it wouldn't be out of place if I were to say: Happy New Year! We celebrate two things in Advent. First, we remember that God fulfilled his promise in history by sending a Savior. Secondly, Advent reminds us of the joyful hope that we Christians are supposed to have that Jesus Christ will come again in Glory to judge the living and the dead.

What is the relevance of this? We must certainly be anxious if his coming will meet us prepared; are we going to be like those who rejected him 2000 years ago? In our own age and time, how should we prepare ourselves to meet the Lord? In the second reading of today taken from the Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul wants the Christians in Rome to "throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" and avoid the sinful excesses of their neighbors. He's no longer certain that Jesus will soon come again in glory, but he wants the church to be ready, and to be more noble than their surroundings. In this season, God wants us to make a change of heart as we live in joyful hope to meet Jesus. The Church strongly proposes to her children a regular attendance to the

Sacrament of Confession. We must keep our hearts in holiness.

In the Gospel the Lord cautions us: be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come (Matthew 24:44). In order to do this, we must beware that our hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catches us by surprise like a trap (Luke 21:34-36). We are called to live each day in preparation to meet the Lord. I strongly believe that if I am properly prepared to meet him in the Eucharist, when I come to Mass, I will not find any barriers to meet him at the end of time when he comes to call us to himself. Let us have a look at this beautiful prayer of preparation said before Holy Communion, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and I shall be healed." If we are healed and cleansed every day to receive the Eucharistic Lord, wouldn't that be a gradual and perfect preparation to meet the Lord at the end of time, and participate in the marriage feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Kingdom? The sad thing is that many of us come to Mass with hearts not ready and properly prepared to receive the Lord. Advent reminds us to make our hearts ready to meet the Lord at any time when he comes.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who welcomed the Lord in her body, pray for us to increase and abound in love for one another, and keep our hearts blameless in holiness before the coming of our God.

Happy season
of Advent,

Fr. Casmia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Parish Hall

Dear Parishioners, we are happy to have our Parish Hall running again fully. We thank all the parishioners who are putting time and resources there. Its continuous development is solely for the growth and benefit of our entire parish. Our kids are already benefitting from it, as they use it for the CCD classes.

Precious Blood Prayer Group

The Precious Blood Prayer Group will begin their devotion with Mass at 8PM on Thursday, December 1st.

First Saturday Devotion

Next Saturday, December 3rd, is the First Saturday devotion. Prayers begin at 7AM. We are all invited to come.

Vespers

Next Sunday, December 4th, is the First Sunday of the month. We will have Vespers and Benediction at 6:30PM.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

We thank all parishioners for the contribution towards the Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal 2022. We are appealing that those who have not yet given or still wish to add their contributions should do so as we are about rounding up. Envelopes will be kept in the pews.



A Library for our Parish

We are in the process of developing a plan for a SPIRITUAL LIBRARY to be located within the Pastoral Center, our Hall building. The books may be signed out to borrow, and the library can also serve as a quiet reading room for parishioners. Book donations are highly encouraged and appreciated. The subject of these books must be related to Catholic spirituality, lives of saints, novels written by Catholic authors, etc. All book donations will be vetted for appropriateness before being available for lending. There will be a box in the rear of the Church for donated books. More information will be forthcoming as progress on the library plan develops.



The First Sunday of Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is the start of a new liturgical year. We are starting fresh and the message in the readings are meant to help us orient our lives toward lives of holiness. "Walk in the light of the Lord"; and "conduct ourselves properly." There can be no room for jealousy or rivalry or indecent behavior. This holy season of Advent is a time to re-order our lives and our priorities. Even if TV or social media and commercialism try to distract us from this reflection, let's make every effort to make this special season a time of prayer, inviting Jesus into our lives. As you do so, take note of the effects this "fresh start" has on yourself and those around you.

Advent & Christmas Giving Tree

Dear friends, the Holiday season is just ahead, and our parish will be launching a GIVING TREE to support the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) ministry, which serves to celebrate the gift of new life with every mom and let her know that she is special and cared for! As many of our clientele have no one to host a traditional baby shower, we seek to provide a wealth of new baby gifts to new Moms throughout the year. Our Giving Tree will provide new baby items to Moms assisted by Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) in 2023. Please take an ornament tag from the Advent Tree at the back of the Church and return the gift card or unwrapped gift to the tree. Items will be collected until December 30th. You can also participate via our Amazon.com maternity wish list: <https://tinyurl.com/PCCGivingTree>. All items will be shipped directly to PCC. Thank you for your generosity and care for the beautiful families we serve. We pray that God blesses you and your families abundantly. Happy Advent!

Sainte Anne Parish Christmas Concert, December 10th ~ 7PM



We are happy to let everyone know that our Parish Christmas Music Concert night will be held on **December 10th at 7PM** in the Church. All parishioners, friends, and well-wishers are invited to enjoy the presentation of our various choirs.

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!

Christmas donation in memory of:

Submitted by:



OUR COMMUNITY

Please Pray for Those in Need

For the Sick:

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Pauline Bellomo
Joan Driscoll Bick
Larry Blanchard
Marion Blanchette
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Jay P.
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Donald Provost
Madeline St. Pierre
Armen Sarafian
Dorothy Sherry
J. Sylvain
Raymond Thompson

Susana Topacio
Denise Wells
Stephen White

For the Military:

Michael Angers
Nicholas Budka
Jason Boyle
Keith Lovely
K. Ryan McKinley
Sean Patrick Mautone

For the ongoing war in the DRC, we pray for those seeking refuge and for peace to return to the Congo.

For the deceased members of our parish, that the peace and happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

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.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at info@stannesalem.org.

Parish Financial Information

We wish to thank everyone who supports our parish financially. Your contributions pay 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!

Offertory.....	\$2,301.00
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Sacramentals.....	\$ 105.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$ 25.00
Religious Sisters.....	\$1,404.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 39.00

Total Offertory:	\$2,301.00
Total Deposit:	\$3,874.00



Upcoming Second Collections:

November 27th -
Maintenance & Repair

December 11th -
St. Vincent de Paul



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday:	Fr. Matthew Westcott and Matthew Harrington
Sunday:	Fr. John Sullivan and Jose Ignacio Montero Burgos
Monday:	Fr. Victor Vitug and Joe Jasinski
Tuesday:	Fr. Mark Coiro and David Joanis
Wednesday:	Fr. Richard McLaughlin and Christopher Letizia
Thursday:	Fr. Arthur MacKay and Mateus de Oliveira Martin
Friday:	Fr. Daniel Moloney and Rodrigo Martinez
Saturday:	All Xavierians

SIMBANG GABI: A REVERED FILIPINO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

We will celebrate Simbang Gabi with a 9-day Novena of Masses beginning December 15th at 7PM.

SIMBANG Gabi, which literally means “evening or night Mass,” is a Filipino Christmas tradition. As a devotional practice in the tradition of the novena, it is a series of nine evening Masses usually celebrated during Advent from December 16-24, in preparation for Christmas Day. It is held in honor of the Virgin Mary, which represents the nine-month stay of the Infant Jesus in the womb of Our Lady leading up to Christmas.

Simbang Gabi originated from the Missa Aurea (golden Mass or Angel’s Mass) practiced by the Roman Catholic Church. The tradition was introduced by the Spanish friars at the start of the Catholic evangelization of the Philippines, specifically to allow farmers to hear mass before going to the fields in the morning.

Originally, Simbang Gabi masses were held in the early hours of the morning - around 4AM or 5AM - when roosters crowed to announce the dawning of the new day, thus the name Misa de Gallo. Today, it is still celebrated the same way in most places in the Philippines as the Roman Catholic churches across the nation open their doors shortly before the break of dawn and church bells would ring to summon the faithful to the Simbang Gabi mass.

In celebration of Simbang Gabi - which is a preparation for Christmas - most churches are decorated with colorful lights and beautiful parol lanterns to welcome the churchgoers. In addition, a Nativity Scene is displayed in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

Shortly after the mass, traditional delicacies await the churchgoers. There are food stalls right outside the church with popular favorites such as bibingka, puto (rice cakes), puto bumbong, suman sa pasko, suman sa ibos, which are usually served with tea or coffee. Hot pandesal (breakfast rolls) are also very popular.

Today, even in this digital age, the tradition of Simbang Gabi continues not only in the Philippines but also observed in many Filipino communities overseas. Furthermore, this religious tradition encourages community development and camaraderie among parishioners through a common effort of prayer, celebration, fellowship, and charity.

Over the years, Filipino communities in the United States have made changes in the way that Simbang Gabi is celebrated with some parishes observing the tradition around 7 or 8PM instead of during the early morning in order to accommodate the needs of the members of the community. But no matter the language, the place, or the time, this revered Filipino tradition is observed and celebrated. When you pray and attend the Simbang Gabi, you realize how truly universal, significant, and important the Christmas spirit is for every Christian.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday ~ 9:30 AM to 6:45 PM

We encourage everyone to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord. A sign-up sheet is located at the Church entrance. Each time slot must be covered to ensure that the exposed Sacrament is never left alone. Visiting with Jesus is a great way to grow in friendship with Him.



Grandma's Attic December Sale!

Saturday, December 10th, 9AM-1PM

Visit our expanded **BOUTIQUE** for men's and women's brand name apparel, shoes, hats, leather, fur and winter coats, and boots at fantastic prices!

Holiday & Christmas Decor: Cards, trees, ornaments, nativities, wreaths, garland, lights, gift boxes, bags, wrapping paper and so much more!

Winter skates, skis, snow tubes, sleds, indoor exercise equipment

COLLECTORS: Precious Moments, Byers, Annalee's (already 1/2 priced!)

JEWELRY (including Christmas jewelry)

RELIGIOUS books, Bibles, medals, statues, crucifixes, and artwork

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