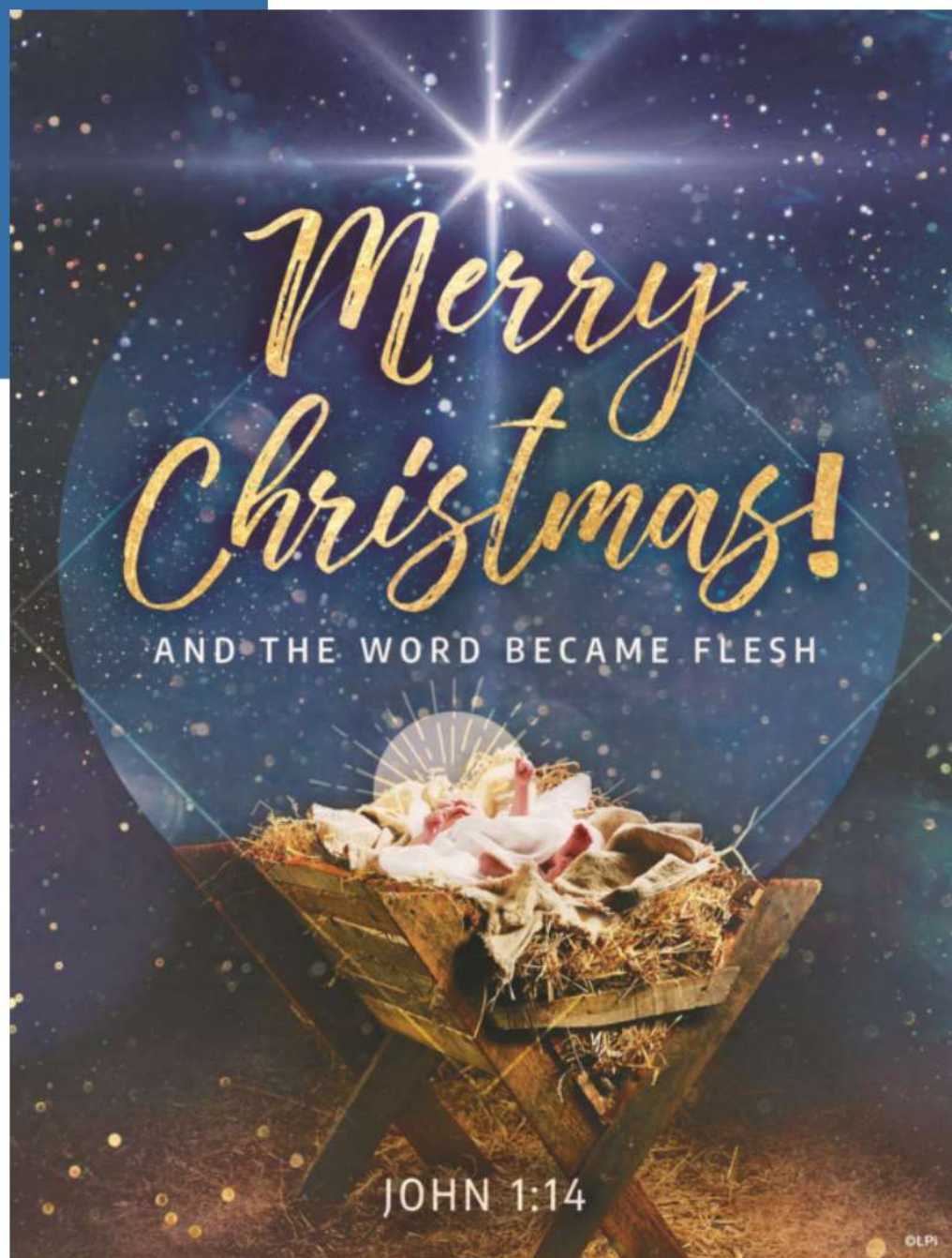




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Welcome!

PRAYER MOMENTS

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday | 9AM

Tuesday - Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus after the 9AM Mass

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4PM

Sunday | 8:30AM, 11AM

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

Congolese | 4PM (Sunday)

First Saturday Devotion

7-9AM

Confession

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

Adoration

Thursday | 9:30AM-6:45PM

Rosary

Weekdays | 8:30AM | Sat | 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 |

Sat & Sun, open for Mass only

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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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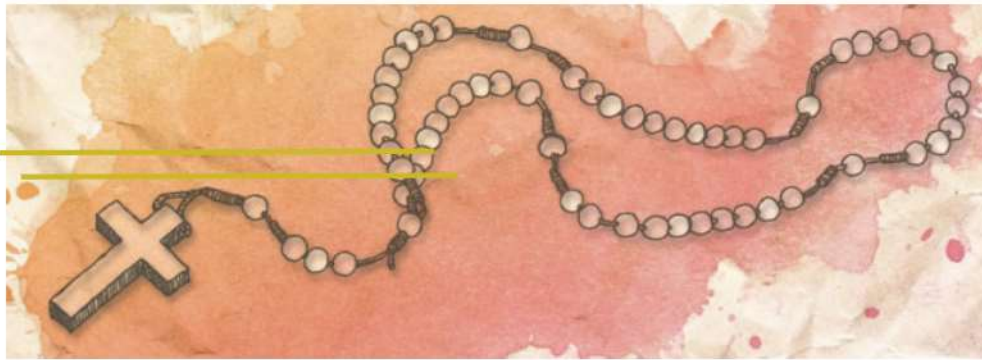


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MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

Saturday, December 24

The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)

4:00 pm

Parish Family

**The Nativity of the Lord
(Midnight Mass)**

Midnight

Parish Family

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am

Parish Family

1:00 pm

Cameroon Community

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Monday, December 26

**Feast of Saint Stephen, First
Martyr**

9:00 am

Sisters of St. Chretienne,
Associates, Family & Friends,
by Sr. Pauline

Tuesday, December 27

**Feast of Saint John, Apostle
and Evangelist**

9:00 am

For the Honor of the Holy Face of
Jesus, by Jessie Pierre Louis

Wednesday, December 28

**Feast of the Holy Innocents,
Martyrs**

9:00 am

Parish Family

Thursday, December 29

**The Fifth Day in the Octave of
Christmas**

9:00 am

Parish Family

Friday, December 30

**Feast of The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

9:00 am

Ronald Deschenes, Birthday
Remembrance, by the Family

Saturday, December 31

**The Seventh Day in the Octave
of Christmas**

4:00 pm

In Thanksgiving to God, by Jessie
Pierre Louis

Sunday, January 1, 2023

**The Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

Parish Family

4:00 pm Cameroon Community

Weekly Readings

Sunday

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/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 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18



PASTOR'S NOTE

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION DECEMBER 24-25

Beloved parishioners,

The solemnity of Christmas we celebrate today suggests, among others, some outstanding themes, namely, light, peace, and joy.

Light. On Christmas night mass we hear in the First reading: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone." (Is. 9:2) Christ is our light. He came to dispel the darkness of sin. He will later say in the gospel: "I am the light of the world." (Jn 8:12) Welcoming Jesus, therefore, is welcoming the light, thus turning our back to the works of darkness. Furthermore, Jesus identifies us, his followers (Christians) with the light. He says: "You are the light of the world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden." (Matt. 5:14) Celebrating Christmas therefore is also celebrating our identity as light of the world and behaving accordingly.

Peace. The prophet Isaiah proclaims: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Is. 9:6) Jesus is the Prince of peace who said: "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Mat. 5:9); "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace" (Jn. 16:33) and again, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (Jn 14:27). Because we have Jesus in our midst and in our hearts, peace should therefore be our companion. Celebrating Christmas is, therefore, receiving the peace of Jesus and being peacemakers.

Joy. Because of such a divine presence of light and peace in our world, joy should be our leitmotif. One of the recurrent Christmas carols sings: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" As Christians, we cannot but be a joyful people. We have the greatest reason of being

THE GREATEST GIFT...
Jesus

joyful: the Lord is come; the Lord is in our midst. Let us therefore behold Him and keep him at Christmas and always. In a consumerist world as ours, the temptation is to drown into the hustle and bustle of the Christmas material preparations time and forget the One who gave us the opportunity to celebrate Him, receive Him and Keep Him: our Light, our Peace and our Joy, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Let us keep Christ at Christmas.
Merry Christmas to all!



"This Christmas, let us ask Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, to help us see in our neighbor the face of Jesus, God made man."
~ Pope Francis

Please Pray for Those in Need

For the Sick:

Maria Abramo
John Akatyszewski
Jason Alexander
Laurie Babbitt
Pauline Bellomo
Joan Driscoll Bick
Larry Blanchard
Marion Blanchette
Carson Borden
Ron & Leona Budka
Kayla Campagna
Steven Conner
Patricia Davern
Susan Engel

Debbie Erwin
Karen Friedrich
Rob Holloran
Pat Jalbert
Pat John
Veronica Kelley
Steve L.
Lila LaMalfa
Kathleen Levy
Jay P.
Peter and Ben
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, especially **Lena Jean Cripps and Paul Gerard Viel**, whose funeral Masses were recently held, 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! *[Note: Due to publishing deadlines, we are unable to provide collection numbers for the December 18th weekend. We will publish them in the next bulletin.]*

COLLECTION	12/11/2022
Offertory	\$2,634.00
Online Giving	\$133.00
Sacramentals	\$15.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$5.00
Grand Annual (2022-23)	\$301.00
Holy Day Collections	\$456.00
Christmas Flowers	\$175.00
Donations - Parish Hall	\$120.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$582.00
Grandma's Attic	\$6,489.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,767.00
Total Deposit:	\$10,910.00

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Christmas Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.



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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday: Fr. Arnold Kelley and Aaron Sanz
Sunday: All Priests in the World
Monday: Fr. Stephen Salocks and Peter Schirripa
Tuesday: Fr. James Braley and Henry Seuffert
Wednesday: Fr. Christopher Hickey and Nicholas Stano
Thursday: Fr. Thomas Sullivan and Paolo Strudthoff
Friday: Fr. George Pucciarelli and John Tanyi
Saturday: Fr. Walter Keymont and Hung Viet Tran

EMAIL PHISHING SCHEME

It has come to our attention that several parishioners have received emails that appear to be from Fr. Augustin or Fr. Casmia asking for assistance. **Please be aware that these are not valid emails** - they are phishing schemes sent to get you to purchase gift cards, to send money, or to otherwise obtain your personal information. You should mark them as spam and block them if possible.

Phishing schemes tend to increase on Fridays, long weekends, and around the holiday season. Be on your guard and follow best practices for evaluating and responding to electronic communications, be it via email or cell phone text message. Follow these tips, recommendations, and suggestions below to help stay safe online:

- Use complex passwords that contain both numbers, characters, capital and lowercase letters
- Do not reuse the same passwords across different portals and online applications (this is how your private data is lost)
- Always use multi-factor authentication when available
- Be wary of links and attachments in emails and text messages
- Do not open what appear to be incorrectly delivered or unexpected attachments, invoices, purchase confirmations, etc., including those from large providers such as Apple, Costco, Microsoft, Amazon, Netflix
- Verify the sender's domain and email address. Hover your mouse over the sender's email address or right mouse click to check the sender's actual email address. Is the domain correct? A bank won't write to you from a gmail account. Check that the name is spelled correctly (i.e., bankofamerica, not bankofamenica) (One email appearing to be from Fr. Augustin spelled his name incorrectly and had revfrpriest19@gmail.com as the email address)
- Do not call phone numbers listed in suspicious emails or letters
- Do not enter any login credentials when prompted to do so via a link in an email or text message. Always visit a website directly and confirm its identity before entering credentials
- Do not initiate any financial transaction based on an email or text exchange. Always **STOP - CALL - CONFIRM**

December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Throughout Advent, the scriptures were preparing us for the celebration of Christmas. In the letter to the Hebrews, this truth is made abundantly clear – “In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.” So today, whether you attend the vigil Mass or a Mass on Christmas Day, proclaim the message with resounding joy - “Today, a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” May your celebrations this Christmas reflect your gratitude for the gift you have received in Christ Jesus, our Lord.



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.



The Pregnancy Care Center has Helped Over 5,700 Families

In the past 10 years, the Pregnancy Care Center has provided the following services to over 5,700 families.

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- Unplanned Pregnancy Program
 - Self-Administered Pregnancy Tests
 - Options Education
 - Onsite Ultrasound Referral, New in 2022
 - Clothing, Food and Furnishings (for mother and baby)
 - Healthy Mother/Healthy Baby Education
 - Infant Care & Parenting Education
 - Community Referrals: Adoption, Housing, Legal, Medical, Social Services
- Sexual Integrity & Relationship Education
- Post Abortion Counseling & Education Program

"We can do no great things - only small things with great love." ~ Mother Theresa (1910-1997)

Our time of waiting and preparation is at an end as we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, where Christ the King came to earth and was born as a little child. Christ in all of His glory and majesty entered our human existence as a baby, born into a poor family in Bethlehem. We celebrate together with our family and our friends during this time of year, but let us also take a moment and remember what the true reason for **CHRISTmas** is, and who it is that we celebrate. We don't often think about what our celebration of this joyous season means for humanity; in that God the Father sent Jesus in human form to live and die a human death so that we might all be saved from the stain of original sin and have the ability to be welcomed back into the heavenly kingdom at the end of our earthly lives. The gift of Christ's birth calls us to greater witness and to give of ourselves in appreciation for this extraordinary sacrifice. We must understand that every good and perfect gift comes from God, and we have been saved for a purpose! Give thanks this year for all you have received as you gather with all you hold dear in celebration. We hope that you will continue to be present with this parish community in the new year as we continue to bring the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to all we encounter. We wish all of you a very **blessed and Merry Christmas!**



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