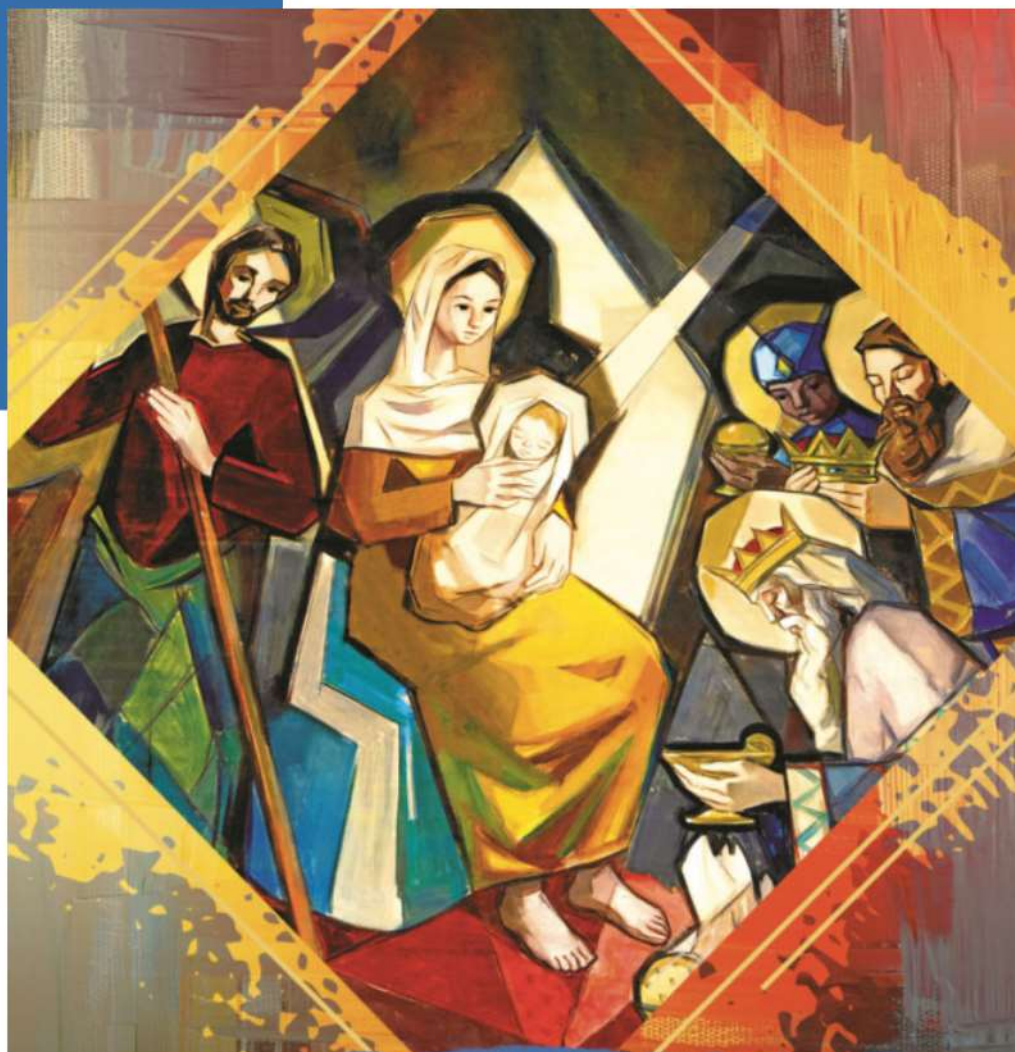




SAINTE ANNE PARISH

CELEBRATING 121 YEARS



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

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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

Parish Staff

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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.

STAY CONNECTED

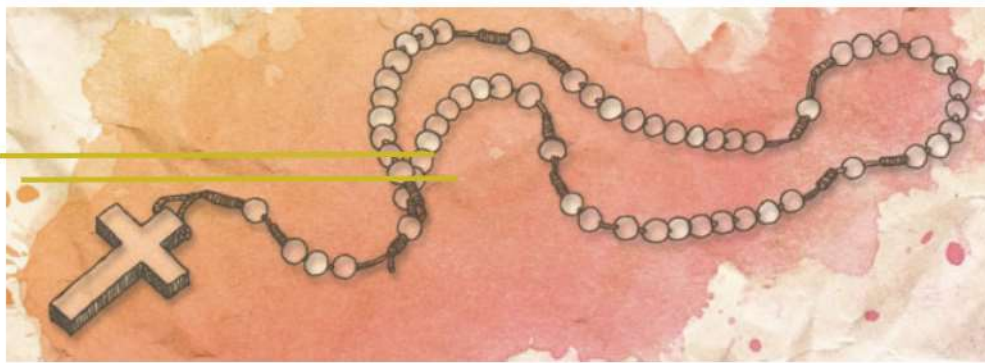


Sainte Anne Salem, MA



Sainte Anne's Parish, Salem, MA





MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

Saturday, January 7

Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm

Parish Family

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

Parish Family

1:00 pm

Cameroon Community

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Monday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am

For the Repose of the Soul of Michael Grasz

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 am

Parish Family

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 am

Parish Family

Thursday, January 12

9:00 am

Agnes Singleton, Memorial Mass, by Margaret Singleton

Friday, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am

Parish Family

Saturday, January 14

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm

Parish Family

Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

Susan Hendry, 1st Anniversary, by her husband, John Hendry

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Weekly Readings

Sunday

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12 Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



PASTOR'S NOTE

REFLECTION FOR JANUARY 8

January 8 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

We know this story so well, it may be easy to miss what God invites us to hear today. The Magi were determined to find "the newborn king" by following the star - "overjoyed at seeing the star. . . and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother... and did him homage." So, what did you hear as God's invitation in this gospel? Perhaps God's invitation comes in the perseverance of the Magi or in their belief that following the star would lead them to the king. Or perhaps God is inviting you to look for Christ in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary events of your own life. On this feast, take a lesson from the Magi and go in search of Christ.

Dear parishioners,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany we celebrate this weekend sheds light on the very scope of salvation offered to us by God as the church continues to contemplate and celebrate the birth of our Savior. By becoming man, the Son of God did not only come for the Jewish people represented by the shepherds, but also for the whole of humanity represented by the magi. Epiphany, therefore, reminds us of the universality of salvation; all, without exception, are invited to the heavenly banquet that begins here on earth by embarking on the journey of following the Star, Jesus our light. However, just as the magi's journey was strewn with distracting events, our journey can be a challenge. As they were headed to Jerusalem, they encountered Herod. Herod was "certainly interested in the Child of which the Magi spoke; not in order to worship him, as he wished to make them believe by lying, but rather to kill him. Herod was a powerful man who saw others solely as rivals to combat. Basically, on reflection, God also seemed a rival to him, a particularly dangerous rival who would like to deprive men of their vital space, their autonomy, their power; a rival who points out the way to take in life and thus prevents one from doing what one likes." (Benedict XVI) Herod is seen as a wicked and bad man, yet we should ask ourselves: "is there perhaps something of Herod also in us? Might we too sometimes see God as a sort of rival? Might we too be blind to his signs and deaf to his words because we think he is setting limits on our life and does not allow us to dispose of our existence as we please?" When we see God in this way, according to Benedict XVI, we end by feeling dissatisfied and discontent because we are not letting ourselves be guided by the One who is the foundation of all things.

Epiphany also helps us to appreciate one another and not see them who are involved in the same community as us and who work for the same cause, as rivals or unhealthy competitors. Epiphany opens us up to a church that is truly church, that is, a church made up of "people of every nation, tribe and language," all *en route* toward holiness, toward God's eternal kingdom. Let us join hands together and build up a strong Ste. Anne community in every respect: spiritual, social, moral, and material.

Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany!

Fr. Augustin

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
Al Robidoux
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.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at info@stannesaleam.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 January 1st weekend. We will publish them in the next bulletin.]*

| COLLECTION | 12/25/2022 |
|--|-------------------|
| Offertory - for the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust | \$3,616.00 |
| Online Giving | \$838.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$20.00 |
| Grand Annual (2022-23) | \$783.00 |
| Religious Education | \$20.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$28.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$838.00 |
| Total Deposit: | \$5,305.00 |
| Grand Annual Total to Date: | \$1,737.00 |

Upcoming Second Collections:

Maintenance & Repair - **January 15, 2023**
Fr. B's Memorial Fund - **February 12, 2023**

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday: Fr. Raymond O'Sullivan and Aaron Arbizo
Sunday: Fr. Michael Bova Conti and Giovanni Argote
Monday: Fr. Leonard O'Malley and Luca Azzani
Tuesday: Fr. William Sexton and Chris Barton
Wednesday: Fr. Richard Casey and Paul Born
Thursday: Fr. William Minigan and Alden Bronson
Friday: Fr. David O'Leary and Vincenzo Caruso
Saturday: Msgr. Albert Contons and Michael Castellon



St. John's Seminary Spring Registration Now Open!

On behalf of Dr. Anthony Coleman, Director of the MAM/MTS Degree Programs at Saint John's Seminary, please find the following welcome announcement to the Spring 2023 MAM/MTS Registration:

Dear friends of St. John's Seminary,

This Christmas season, I wanted to reach out not only to our active students, but also to parishes. It is an opportunity to nourish our faith this Spring by registering for, or auditing, one of our classes.

Faith & Reason (Dr. Angela Franks; Th 5-7 pm)
 New Testament (Fr. Peter Grover; Tu 7:30-9:30 pm)
 Church History (Dr. Michael Coughlin; Th 7:30-9:30 pm)
 The Trinity & Christology (Dr. Angela Franks; Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm)
 Ecclesiology (Fr. Chris O'Connor; Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm)
 The Liturgy & Sacraments (Fr. Brian Mahoney; Tu 5-7 pm)

Classes are held once per week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Our Lady Help of Christians in Newton Corner, and at St. John's Seminary every other Saturday. Information and registration for Spring courses can be found on our website at www.sjs.edu/register. If you have any questions, please contact me or the Assistant to the Director, Ms. Ellen Oesterle (Ellen.Oesterle@sjs.edu) or call 617.779.4104.

Pregnancy Care Center

Thank you to each one of our Ste. Anne parish family, who blessed the women who experience crisis pregnancies, with so much kindness and abundance! Your anonymous gifts bring hope and aid to those who struggle to choose life for their unborn babies! Please continue to remember them in your prayers. And pray also for the staff and the volunteers who walk alongside these families daily to offer the needed emotional, material, medical, and spiritual support, made possible because of your compassionate generosity. God bless, JoAnn Gates, Pro-life Committee joann.gates@ymail.com.

**** Please note that the Pro-life Committee will now meet on the ****3rd Friday** in the Chapel at 6PM. The next meeting will be **January 20th**. All are welcome!**

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matt 25:40)

Pregnancy Care Center Haverhill - Lawrence - Lowell 978.373.5700 PCCFriends.org
Admin Office: 158 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA 01854



In Need of an Apartment

Sr. Yvette Beauregard needs to move. Her landlord is selling the building. She is looking for a 2 bedroom, first floor apartment in Salem, with a laundry hookup, basement is acceptable for the laundry hookup, cat friendly, with off street parking. If you know of an apartment that would be available, please contact Sr. Yvette at 978.745.5316. Thank you.



Our next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on **Saturday, January 14th** from 5-7PM in the Parish Hall conference room (11 Cleveland Street, 2nd Floor, Salem, MA). All parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings to learn more about the parish and its activities.

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.



Dear parishioners,

Every year, the parish has enjoyed Al's services and skills in decorating our church to ready it for major celebrations such as Christmas and Easter. However, this year he was not able to do that due to poor health. As Al is slowly recovering, I invite you to pray for him so that the Heavenly Physician may restore him back to good health and that he may join the community again. Yet, the church was not undecorated at Christmas. I would like to thank all those who stepped in and volunteered in rendering our house of prayer beautiful and fit for the celebration of our Lord's nativity. I thank everyone who made it to our Christmas masses despite the freezing cold. My gratitude also goes to our 4 choirs (children's choir, Ste. Anne's choir, Cameroon choir, and the Filipino choir) for the beautiful singing at all the masses and for the Christmas prelude. The Congolese choir will enrich our Christmas concert or prelude next year as they needed much time to prepare. Let me step back to thank in a special way the Filipino community for organizing and leading so beautifully the well-attended Simbang Gabi novena of masses in preparation for Christmas. All those who participated in this spiritual exercise did enjoy it and look forward to its second edition next year. May we continue to build up our church and support it dynamically. Thank you all and God bless us all.

Fr. Augustin





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