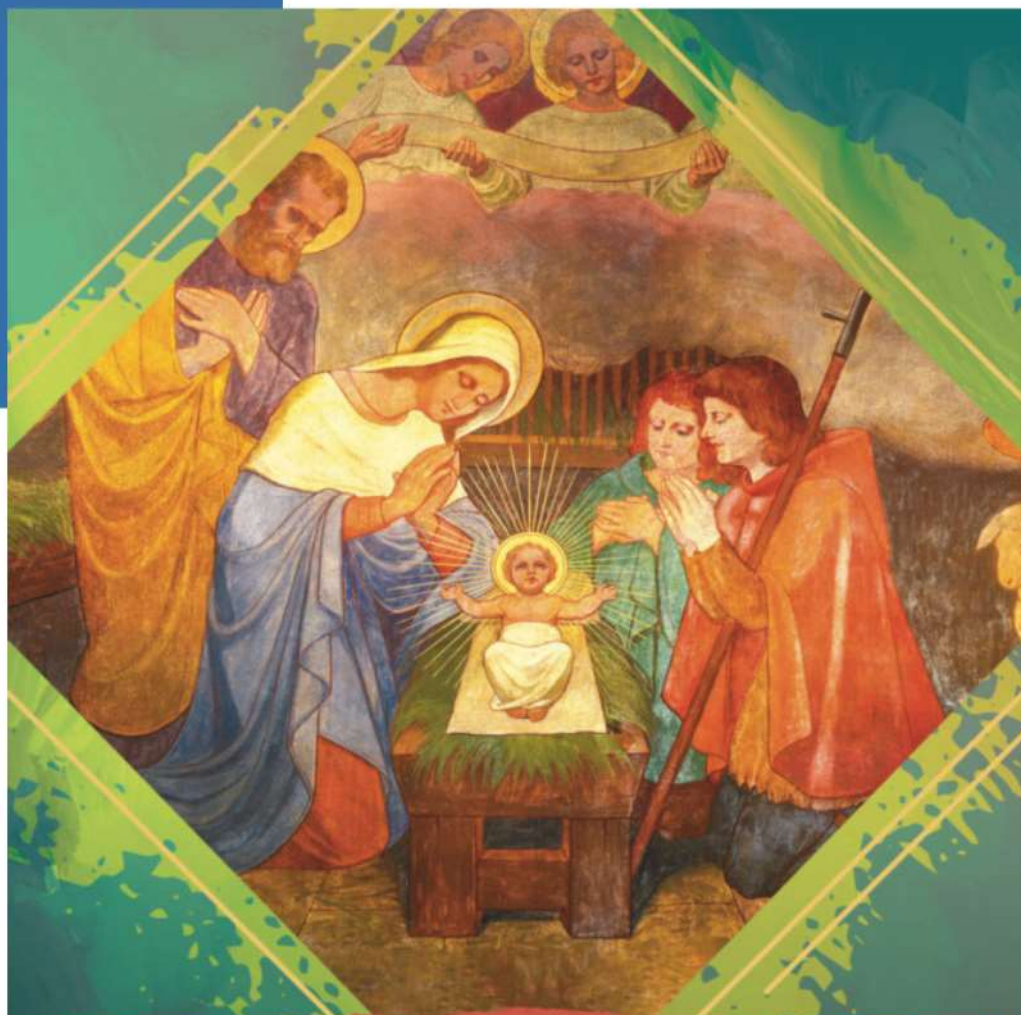




# SAINTE ANNE PARISH

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." Lk 2:11

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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 (with Rosary & Benediction @ 6PM)

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 | 6:30-8:30PM

##### Church is Open

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

Sat & Sun, open for Mass only



## Parish Staff

### Administrator

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**Deadline for Submissions:**  
**Monday by 5PM**

### Parish Pastoral Council

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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9AM-1PM  
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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](mailto: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



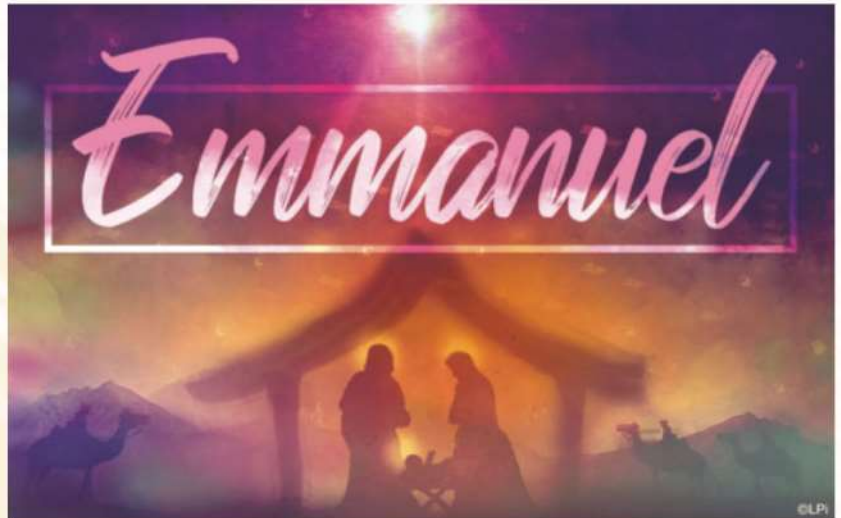
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## PASTOR'S NOTE



Dear parishioners,

1. This year, the last (fourth) Sunday of Advent coincides with December 24th, which is Christmas Eve. It is important to note that we will first fulfill our Sunday obligation by attending either the Saturday vigil mass or one of the 2 Sunday masses, then come back for the Christmas Eve mass the same Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. Having attended one of the Sunday masses replaces neither the Christmas Eve mass nor the Midnight mass. Thanks for making the sacrifice of attending both liturgies on the same day (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve masses).

2. As we enter into the celebration of Christmas this week after a 4-week Advent time of special preparation, let us burst with joy and carry it out to the world for the Lord is come. Christmas carries with it themes of joy, peace, light, and reconciliation, and we, as individuals and our world, are in need. As Christians, every Christmas should make us a better people, a people who discover the ever-bright light of Christ in the dark and gloomy situations of life, a people of hope who announce by their words and actions that the Prince of Peace reigns in our world and that He and not our selfish desires should lead us on the way of justice and truth. Jesus is the perfect gift of the Father to us; in gratitude to God, may we be gifts to our church, to our community and to one another. In this season of sharing, let us have a special consideration for the poor, the needy, and the weak among us. Remember, Jesus identifies with them. Let us meet Him, for instance, in the homeless freezing in the harsh winter, and bring them help; let us look for Him in those uncomfortable areas of our society and share His love and peace.

3. As recommended by the archdiocese to every priest assigned in a parish, I plan on taking time off for vacation and retreat back in my diocese in Cameroon from December 28, 2023 to February 5, 2024. With the help of the Episcopal Vicar of the North Region, we were able to get a priest who will be covering for me while I am away: Fr. Joseph Chinedu Akilo. He will be mostly covering sacramental needs. Should you need to reach out to a priest, kindly call the parish first and the secretary or the business manager will coordinate.

I wish each and every one of you, as well as your beloved families a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Augustin





## MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

**Saturday, December 23**

**St. John of Kanty, Priest**

**4:00 pm**

Deceased members of the  
Thibodeau & Bossé Family, by Bob  
& Susan Quinn

Ann Michaud, Birthday  
Remembrance, by Janet & Henry  
Nadeau

Alfred & Alice Archambault, by  
Gloria Kelley

**Sunday, December 24**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 am**

**11:00 am**  
Parish Family

**Sunday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

**4:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Mass with the  
Children's Choir

**5:30 pm**  
Congolese Community

**11:15 pm ~ Midnight Mass**  
Prelude begins at 11:15PM with the  
Adult Choir, followed by Midnight  
Mass

**Monday, December 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)**

**10:00 am**

**1:00 pm**  
Cameroon Community

**Tuesday, December 26**

**Feast of Saint Stephen, First**

**Martyr**

**9:00 am**

**Wednesday, December 27**

**Feast of Saint John, Apostle and**

**Evangelist**

**9:00 am**

**Thursday, December 28**

**Feast of the Holy Innocents,**

**Martyrs**

**9:00 am**

**Friday, December 29**

**Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and**

**Martyr**

**9:00 am**

**Saturday, December 30**

**The Sixth Day in the Octave of**

**Christmas**

**4:00 pm**

Deceased members of Guilmette,  
Matton & Pelletier families, by  
Gloria Matton

Salvatore Bordonaro, 1st  
Anniversary, by the Family

**Sunday, December 31**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph; New Year's Eve**

**8:30 am**

Rev. Louis Warren, Birthday  
Remembrance, by Mary Warren

**11:00 am**  
Parish Family

**4:00 pm**  
Congolese Community



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Monday**

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/  
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/  
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36  
-40

**Next Sunday**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps  
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-  
9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11  
-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40





## Please Pray for Those in Need

### For the Sick:

Maria Abramo  
John Akatyszewski  
Jason Alexander  
Laurie Babbin  
Pauline Bellomo  
Joan Driscoll Bick  
Larry Blanchard  
Marion Blanchette  
Carson Borden  
Ron & Leona Budka  
Joe C.  
Kayla Campagna  
Steven Conner  
Patricia Davern  
Apolinar Dinglasan  
Susan Engel  
Karen Friedrich  
Jackie Gaudreau  
Nancy Gavenda

Rob Holloran  
Rosalinda Ibanez  
Pat John  
Veronica Kelley  
Steve L.  
Lila LaMalfa  
Kathleen Levy  
Peter and Ben  
Ronelia Najito  
Leanne P.  
Donald J. Pelletier, Sr.  
Donald Provost  
Al Robidoux  
Madeline St. Pierre  
Armen Sarafian  
Dorothy Sherry  
J. Sylvain  
Vicente Taguiam  
Raymond Thompson  
Susana Topacio

Denise Wells  
Shawn Welsh  
Stephen White

### For the Military:

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

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

**For our parish family,** that through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure we will continue to be channels of the living and loving presence of Christ in our world.

**For our own community,** that as the perfect gift of Christ dispels the darkness in our lives, we are moved to share the light of God's love with all those around us.

### HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at [info@stannesaleam.org](mailto: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!

COLLECTION	12/10/23	Online 12/10/23
Offertory	\$4,014.00	\$185.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$20.00	
Sacramentals	\$440.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$220.00	
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust	\$15.00	
Grandma's Attic	\$2,000.50	
Immaculate Conception	\$593.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$15.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,558.00	\$25.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4,034.00</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit:</b>	<b>\$8,850.50</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>

Due to early publication deadlines for the bulletin, the parish financial information for December 17th was not available. It will be published in next week's bulletin.

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday: Fr. John Farrell and Kyle Gregg  
Sunday: Fr. John Capuci and Gabriel Hanley  
Monday: All Priests in the World  
Tuesday: Fr. Mark Noonan and Matthew Harrington  
Wednesday: Fr. John Reardon and Ryan Henderson  
Thursday: Fr. John Prusaitis and Rev. Mr. Jose Ignacio Montero Burgos  
Friday: Fr. Thomas Kopp and Joe Jasinski  
Saturday: Fr. Kevin Toomey and David Joanis



## Upcoming Second Collections

December 25th	Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust
January 1, 2024	Solemnity of Mary
January 21st	Maintenance & Repair
January 28th	Church in Latin America
February 4th	Fr. B's Memorial Fund

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: THE SECOND COLLECTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL\*\***



## GRANDMA'S ATTIC UPDATE

Thank You to the faithful Grandma's Attic volunteers for assisting in our 4th 2023 community-wide sales on November 25th (\$9,219.50), post Congolese Mass on November 26th (\$198) and the sales post Cameroon Mass/ Pre-Congolese Mass on December 10th, which was open to all parishioners (\$252). Thank You to the patrons who took the time to shop to get some great buys and to support this important work (taking care of our environment, keeping items out of landfills, and giving them new life; providing shopping for lower costs; providing a sense of Catholic community; and most importantly, the very much needed financial support of OUR parish.



We are looking forward to more Ste. Anne's parishioners from all communities becoming involved as disciples of Christ in donating quality items, participating in preparation of the items for sales, as well as working the day of the sales and making Grandma's Attic your FIRST place to shop. It's really putting time, talent, and treasure into action, not just mere words. Please join your fellow parishioners, as disciples of Christ sharing our faith, giving lots of sacrificial time, God given skills and talents, as well as our own personal treasures/money and donations of quality items to improve sales. Our total fundraising proceeds in the first 6 months of this fiscal year (which began July 1, 2023) are \$23,150.50.

Grandma's volunteers are on a much needed hiatus. Watch the bulletin for news as to how you can help in the near future as we plan our next community-wide Winter Sale. "If not me? Who then" "If not now, when?" Working together we are better.

Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2024.

Thank You, Alma (Almazon) Pelletier for all of the Grandma's Attic volunteers. 978.314.7344

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~ By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### News of Great Joy

I am not going to wish you a Merry Christmas. I have no problem with merriness, and I certainly hope you have your share of it today. May the frosting on your cookies be extra thick. May the lights of your tree be particularly twinkly. May the crackling of your fire be especially pleasant, and the places around your table filled by smiling loved ones. No, there is nothing wrong with being merry, especially on such a day.

But the angels did not bring news of great merriment. They brought news of great joy, and though our world often confuses the two, they are not the same thing.

Joy is harder to achieve than merriness, but it's easier to keep because it is far, far more durable. Joy can withstand the roughness of this earthly life in a way that merriness never could. Merriness cannot live in the hearts of people whose plans have been upended, whose futures have been rearranged and whose very lives are in danger. But joy certainly can.

Merriness doesn't follow from a long and uncertain journey, with no reassurances except the steadfast belief that you are doing the will of God. But joy does.

Merriness does not shiver in a stable or hang on a cross. But joy can, and it has.

May you have a truly joyful Christmas.

*"You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing..." - Isaiah 9:2* ©LPI

## The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



# clergytrust

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](http://www.clergytrust.org).



## Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Ste. Anne's Parish is grateful and sincerely thanks the following parishioners/families who contributed money in memory of their loved ones to purchase Christmas flowers and decorations. Please pray for the donors and their families and friends listed in memoriam. There will be a mass for their intentions on **January 7th at 11AM**.

Donations are being accepted. (Please note: if your donation and intention was received after the printing deadline of December 13th for the Christmas bulletin, it will be published in an upcoming bulletin.)

Salvatore Bordonaro, Rosaria Napoli, Alice Filippo, Marotta Michele, Rabita Rocco, Rosa Cali, by Virginia Bordonaro

Richard A. Boucher, by Janice M. Boucher

Anne A. & Joseph A. Pelletier, Rena C. & Luanne Pelletier, Ludivine & Reina C. Marchand, by Pat and Alma Pelletier

Alphonse & Grace Raymond, by their daughter

Bordonaro Family & Panevino Family

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cecelski & The Kalapinski Family, by Ms. Cynthia Cecelski

Will Matton & deceased members of Matton, Guilmette and Pelletier Families, by Gloria Matton

Bossé & Giannocari Families, by John Paul Bossé

Nadeau & Fitzgibbons Family, by Janet & Henry Nadeau

Martin Fair, by Susan, Elizabeth & Lindsay

Ronald & Vivian Deschenes, Bouchard Family, Deschenes Family, Cash Family, by Giselle Deschenes

Arthur Connors & Patricia & Norman Louf, loved always, Mark, Kelly & Ben Louf

The McCormack & Jukins Families, by Joan Jukins

The Charette & Pelletier Families, Virginia Wythe, Father George Dufour, by Diane Charette

Paul Plante, by Fr. Jim & Joy Morris

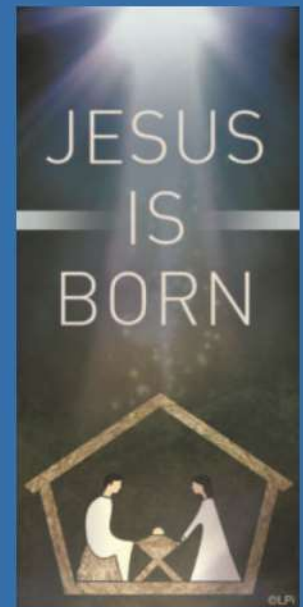
Emile & Riella Lemieux, by the Family

Harriet & Rene Corbin, Sr., Rene Corbin, Jr., Michael Lessa, Sr., Michael Less, Jr., by Yvonne (Corbin) Silva



## Prayer for Christmas

*Dear Lord, You came to us in humility and silence, setting aside your majesty so that we might approach with wonder. Allow us to grow ever closer to you this Christmas, and always. Amen.*



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Every Thursday ~ 9:30 AM to 6:45 PM**  
**Rosary & Benediction begins at 6PM**

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.



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