

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

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OCTOBER 12, 2025 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

St. Bernard

150 Broadway, Rockland, ME 04841

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm

Adoration: Thurs. 5:30pm-6:30pm

Spanish Mass: 1:00 pm 3rd Sunday of the Month
(beginning November 16th)

Our Lady of Good Hope

7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am

Adoration: Mon. 5:30pm-6:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi

81 Court Street, Belfast, ME 04915

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

Adoration: Wed. eves 5:30pm-6:30pm

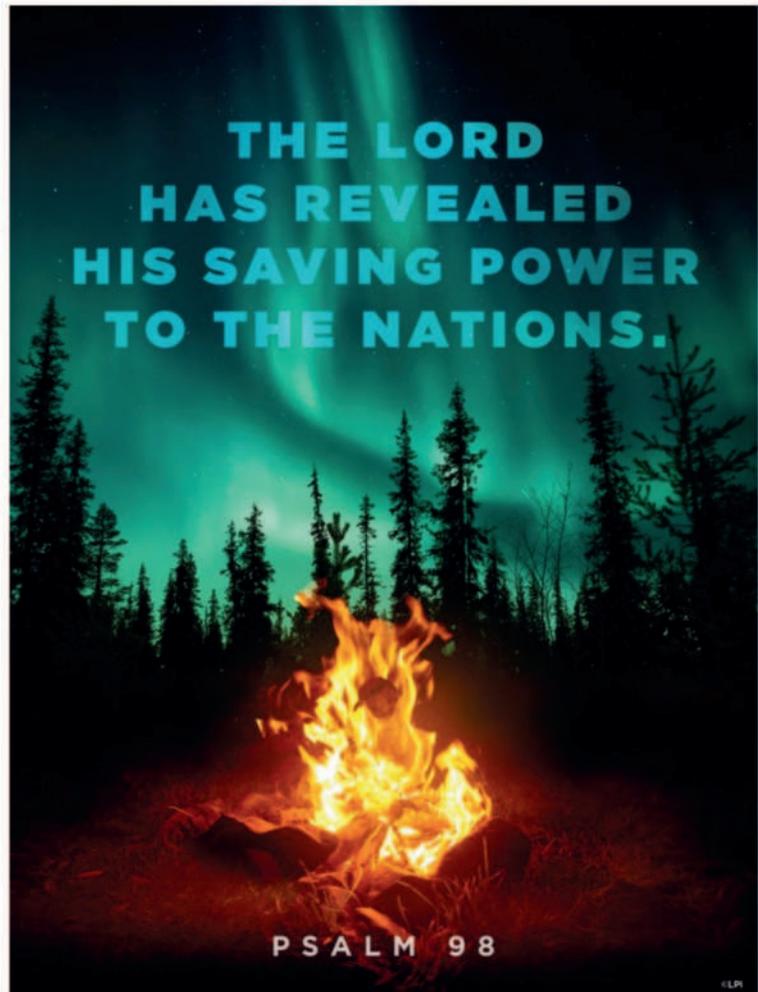
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

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Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps

Contact the Parish Office to have a Mass or Sanctuary Lamp offered for a loved one.

Envelopes are also available in the vestibules of all church locations.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 - The Vigil of the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for Brandi Place by the Clarks
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	K.P. Gricus by Ken Gricus
6pm	St. B	Fr. Javis	Pedro Comprado & Edwin Bayta by the Clarks

Sunday, October 12, 2025 - The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Elaine Smith by her Children & Grandchildren
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Robert Pietsch by the family
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Michael Fred by Josephine Freda

Monday, October 13, 2025

8:00am OLGH Fr. Anthonasius Mary Biju by Maureen O'Donnell

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Agathe Ouellet by Carmel Ouellet
10am	NH-BW	Fr. Javis	For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Claire O'Toole by Rich and Ann Norman
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Javis	All Souls by the parish
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry

Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:30pm St. B (LS) Fr. Javis Pedro Comprado & Edwin Bayta by Jore and Brenda Diaz

Friday, October 17, 2025

8am St. F (LS) Fr. Javis Rev. Leopold Nicknair by the Clarks

Saturday, October 18, 2025 - The Vigil of the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Souls in Purgatory by Sue Woehler
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	K.P. Gricus by Patty Witt
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	For parishioners

Sunday, October 19, 2025 - The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for Elaine Smith by her Children & Grandchildren
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	Living Intention for Riley Wesson by the family
11am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Elizabeth Cammelieri by Kathleen Jarrell
11am	St. B (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Pam Callsen by Polly & Jack Kurowski

LS indicates Mass is livestreamed at www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream
Spanish Mass at St. Bernard - 3rd Sunday of the Month, 1:00pm (beginning November 16th - no Spanish Mass in October)
Nursing Home Masses: BW - Breakwater (2nd and 4th Tues), QH - Quarry Hill and WG - Windward Gardens (alternating Wed), Mag - Magnolia (1st Thurs), HH - Harbor Hill (1st Mon.)

Mass Intentions

At this time we have not set up the 2026 calendar for Mass Intentions yet. Please wait until the end of October to request Mass Intentions for 2026. Thank you.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis is being lit for the **Living Intention for Oliver Thorburn** by The Clarks



Our Clergy

Fr. Anthonasius Wirsiy, Pastor
Fr. Javis Laban, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Benjamin Simon, HGN (in residence)
Deacon Bob Cleveland

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Upcoming Second Collections

Oct. 18th/19th - Mission Sunday: Propagation of the Faith

World Mission Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as a mandatory, global collection to support areas of the world in need: places that have not heard the Gospel, are newly developing a Catholic presence, or are persecuted for their Catholic faith. Today there are 1,150 of such areas. The Pope hosts World Mission Sunday in the spirit of Jesus's charge to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Job Openings: Soup Kitchen

We are seeking two Part-Time Assistants. This "on call" role will help manage the daily activities when the regular team is unavailable.

Contact: laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org

Liturgical and Sacramental Life

Penny Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator - penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Music, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers

Baptisms

If you are planning to have a child baptized, please call the Parish Office, two months prior to the birth for preparation and scheduling purposes.

Weddings

All couples planning a wedding should contact the parish office at least one year prior to their planned wedding date so that the church or mission can be reserved and the necessary preparation can be discussed.

Funerals

The priests and parish staff are here to help, please call the parish office at (207) 236-4785 for funeral planning preparations for your loved one.

Daily Readings

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment. Priests are also available during Adoration (schedule on the front page of the bulletin).

Anointing, Communion to Homebound

Please reach out if you or a loved one is in need of Anointing of the Sick. Communion can also be brought on Sundays to those who can no longer attend the Celebration of the Mass in person.

Liturgical Music Coordinators

Joani Mitchell, Our Lady of Good Hope
Barbara Hendricks, St. Bernard
Elisabeth Parker, St. Francis



Parish News and Upcoming Events

Bulletin Submissions - jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org

Parish Weekly Email - penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

Celebration of the Sacrament Mass



Bishop James Ruggeri will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with our parish on October 19th at the 11am Mass at St. Bernard. Please join us in prayer as the children make their final preparations for this joyous occasion.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th
the parish will be closed in honor
of the Columbus Day holiday.



The Monday Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope will be at 8:00am and there will be no evening Mass or Adoration.

Hospitality

On the **1st Sunday of the month**, you are invited to join us after Mass for some treats and fellowship at all three locations. **Attention:** Our Lady of Good Hope parishioners, we are shifting our hospitality Sunday from the 2nd Sunday to the 1st Sunday to accommodate the Faith Formation program and Children's Mass.



St. Francis of Assisi offers refreshments after the 8:30am Mass every Sunday (except for the 3rd Sunday of the month when it is a Knights breakfast). Rockland Knights also host a breakfast on the last Sunday of the month.

Knights of Columbus Recruitment

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy, changing world. Our Limerock Council #136 will be holding a membership drive at **Our Lady of Good Hope and St. Bernard at all masses on October 11th and 12th.**

When you become a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO EXPAND OUR WORKS OF CHARITY!

Please open your hearts and minds to consider how YOU can contribute to the needs of our parish, families and community and show your children that you are committed to our faith and community by joining us in our efforts.



Knights Pizza Party - Tuesday, October 14th at 6pm at Our Lady of Good Hope. An Exemplification Ceremony will be held at 7pm for our new members.

All Knights, new members, and ANYONE who would like to learn more about our brotherhood are welcome. We are serving pizza and drink combined with great fellowship. Please join us to celebrate the Council once again earning the coveted Star Council Award!

Office of Faith Formation

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader - jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org

Faith Formation: Youth and Adult, OCIA, Sacrament Prep

Jennifer Parker - St. Francis' Faith Formation Coordinator

Faith Formation 2025-2026

PK-12TH

Classes begin **this Sunday**, October 12th at Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden) after the 11am Mass. Join for potluck, followed by class, adoration, and confession.

Youth Ministry - Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Event

Dwell: Finding Sanctuary

1-Day Jubilee Retreat for High School Teens

Keynote Speaker: Bishop James Rucker

Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul - Lewiston

November 22nd 8am-8pm

\$10 to register (Lunch and Dinner included)

Saintly Storytime

First Thursday of the month (St. Francis) and Third Tuesday of the Month (Our Lady of Good Hope). Story and activity at 10am for our youngest Catholics and homeschool families. **Starting - October 2nd and 21st**

Youth Mass

First Sunday of the Month - Email (above) for Flocknote links for any location.



Youth Mass Photos
by Linda Roden

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SECOND SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden) - Meet after the 11am Mass for an optional potluck with our Faith Formation families, followed by a class with others learning about the faith.

THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

St. Francis of Assisi (Belfast) - After the 8:30am Mass, there is a monthly breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Join parishioners for a nice meal, followed by class with others learning about the faith.

Take the first step on your Catholic journey.

EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CATHOLIC.

WHAT STEPS DO I TAKE TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

FINDING FRIENDSHIP AMONGST THIS COMMUNITY.

Adult Faith Formation

That Man is You

Saturdays at 8:30am - OLGH - Upper Room.
Looking forward to seeing you then!

Walking with Purpose

Join a community of women supporting one another in the journey to know Christ personally through Scripture.

Tuesdays, 6pm at Our Lady of Good Hope

Thursdays, 10am at St. Bernard

Contact: Carol Brownawell (410) 714.4549

Anne Norman (207) 691-6401

Faith Sharing Cell Groups: Do you want to share and grow your faith with a small group of friends in the neighborhood? Listen to a monthly teaching provided by our priests? Pray together? Come and join one of the Faith Sharing Cell Groups. There are active groups in the Belfast, Camden and Rockland areas.

Everybody is welcome, so you also could invite your non-Catholic friends. Please contact FSCGStB@gmail.com if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

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"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;" (Luke 17:15) Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our Church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring Christ's healing love to others through service. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email:

vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Get Involved - Parish Ministries

Contact information for each ministry can be found below.
If you would like your ministry featured, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Brendan Pro-Life Ministry



BEHOLD Children are a Gift of the Lord,
the Fruit of the Womb is a Reward
Psalm 127 3:4

Pray a Rosary for Life

The Rosary for Life continues weekly at each church weekly.

Weekly Event: Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Fridays @ Belfast Family Planning - Join us in prayer for all pregnant women - especially for those who are considering abortion and those who are hurting in the aftermath of abortion.

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com
Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com

Pregnant?



We can help.
Please ask.

A Valuable Resource: There is Healing After Abortion

Visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/projectrachel>

Respect Life Month - the 2nd Sunday

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." ~Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. Access the full text by scanning this QR code:



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Upcoming

- Novena for Life: Join Catholics across our nation in praying this novena from Oct 22nd - Oct 30th. Access this novena by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera or QR code app, or by going to the listed website address.
- www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-novena
- www.respectlife.org



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for an increase in respect for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week of September 29th,
we provided the following meals.
M - 62, T - 58, W - 57, T - 68, F - 68
Great job to all our cooks this past week.
Excellent meals. Fantastic teamwork.
Rich Norman 691 6400



Knights of Columbus

Our parish is blessed to be served by two primary Knights of Columbus Councils.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST:

The William S. Brannagan Council #3942 Monthly Breakfast: Every third Sunday of the month after the 8:30am Mass
Contact: Brian Beaulieu 542-8967, bbeaulieu@allenfg.com
Joseph Mathieu 323-1436, painterjo56@gmail.com

ST. BERNARD, ROCKLAND: The Limerock Council #136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. Monthly Breakfast: Last Sunday of the month after the 8:00am Mass.

www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland
Contact: Kevin Bailey (978) 404-1594, kfb723@verizon.net

KOFC 4TH DEGREE: The KOC 4th Degree meets every other month rotating the meeting place among all three churches.
Contact: Faithful Navigator Gregg Turley at (702) 408-5996.

KNIGHTS HELPING NEIGHBORS: The Knights of Columbus in Rockland and Belfast have a new program for members, widows of members, and parishioners of our parish. We will donate labor to help those that need help around their homes and are either physically or financially unable to do the work. This will be for smaller inside projects or yard projects.

Rockland Contact: John Redden (207) 720-0246
Rich Norman (207) 691-6400

Belfast Contact: Brian Beaulieu (207) 542-8967
Joseph Mathieu (207) 323-1436

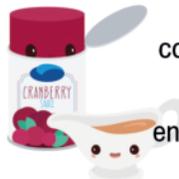
GBAM Food Cupboard - Belfast

St. Francis of Assisi has a bin for collecting canned and boxed food donations for the GBAM Food Cupboard. Thank you for donations of cereal, canned meats, soups, peanut butter & jelly, as well as adult diapers.



Camden Area Christian Food Pantry

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will continue collecting **gravy, cranberry sauce/jelly and stuffing** for the month of October. Please place your donation items in the bin at the entrance of Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.



Daughters of St. Bernard

The Daughters of St. Bernard meet at the Sacred Heart Center the first Friday of each month, 1pm. We warmly welcome all women of St. Bernard to join as we help with various parish activities, such as funeral receptions, scholarships, and more.

Contact: Claire Redden (207) 208.0584

OLGH - Women's Club

The Women's Club at Our Lady of Good Hope meets in Cote Hall at 1:00pm on the 2nd Wed. of the month from April to December. All the women of the parish are invited to come to our meetings as we plan fundraisers for scholarships, have social activities, guest speakers, and demonstrations of crafts.

Contact: Pat Gibbons - (207) 785-6149





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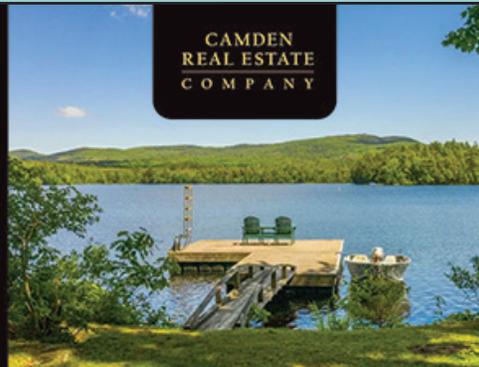
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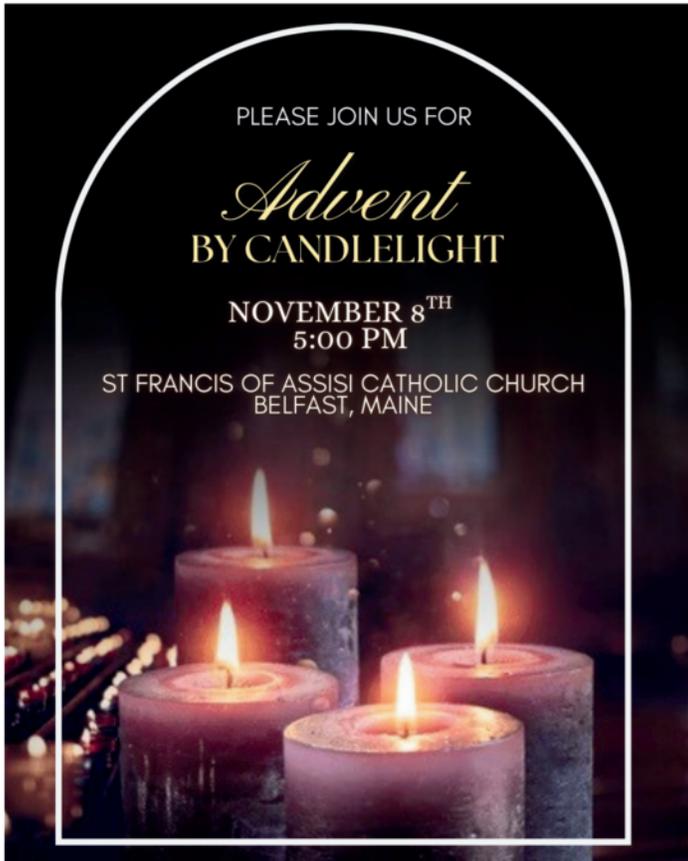
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Faith and Poverty: A Global Response

St. Michael's Parish will be hosting an 8-session conversation, meeting every other week starting the week of Oct. 6th. Each session includes prayer, Scripture reflection and dialogue to help us grow in our faith and deepen our understanding of the Gospel call in response to caring for those who are poor. Reading materials will be provided. In-person and virtual groups available - running October through February.

Contact: Elizabeth Keene (207) 514.3508 or elizabeth.keene@hotmail.com



Laudato Si'



Saturday, Oct. 18th - 9:30am to 11am, St. Francis
Integral Ecology Discussion
What is it? Its origins in Catholic theology & why it matters?

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis identifies the need for a new "integral ecology." While traditional ecology studies the natural world and the effects of humans on nature, an integral ecology adds a focus on human nature itself. Certain Catholic theological concepts, lost over several centuries, were recovered and promoted by Francis's predecessors, Saint Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, and contribute to this current vision of an integral ecology.



Join us as parishioner Doug Fox, a longtime Professor of Natural Resources and student of theology, helps us understand the relevant concepts and leads a discussion of how this perspective might enhance our faith, our parish, and our participation in the good work of other secular organizations. Come learn with us.

Contact: Martha Block: marthablock@gmail.com
Dianne Smith: dcrsmith@gmail.com,
Maureen Haining: mfhaining@gmail.com

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

Please join us in prayer for the priests of the Portland Diocese during the month of October.

"O Jesus, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart where none may touch them. Keep unstained their unstained hand which daily touch your Sacred Body and keep pure their sullied lips daily purple with your Precious Blood."



This week, we pray for:

Bishop Emeritus Robert Deeley, Rev. Peter Shaba, V. Rev. Paul Dumais, Rev. Nsame Venantius, V. Rev. Louis Phillips, Rev. Daniel Baillargeon, Rev. Michael Seavey, Rev. Raymond Auger, Rev. Joseph Cahill, Rev. Steven Cartwright, Rev. John Michalowski

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- Friday - closed

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