

Sunday,
December 15,
2024

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Christmas
Mass
Schedule
P. 3

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” -Lk 3: 6

Updates from Our Sister Parish in Haiti

December 22 is our next Haiti Door collection. Fr. Pierre sent us a note of gratitude and provided updates about successes and needs.

See p. 3 for details.



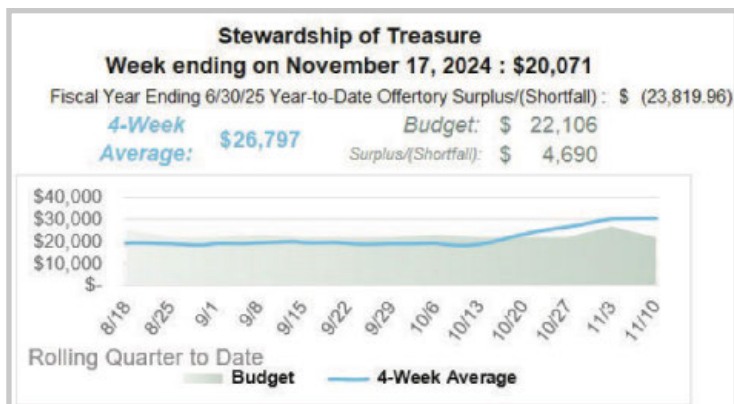
Parish Calendar ~ This Week and Upcoming

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
14 St. John of the Cross That Man is You 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal 10 am - 12 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	15 Third Sunday of Advent Sanctuary Candle lit in loving memory of Tammi Stokes December 15 to 21 <i>Sacred Heart</i> Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> Sacramental Prep 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Christmas Pageant & Reception 9:30 - 11:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Oratory 5 - 7 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Calix 7 - 8:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	16 AA Meeting 10:30 am - 12 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Eucharistic Adoration 12 - 8 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> CANCELLED - Youth Schola 4:00 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Cub Scouts 5:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> The Light is on for You 6 - 7 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> OCIA 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	17 Centering Prayer Group 9:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Catholic Homeschoolers 10 am - 12 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Friends in Faith 10:00 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Sacramental Prep 4 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> The Light is on for You 6 - 7 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>	18 Opus Dei Recollection Day for Women 9:30 am - 12:30 pm for Men 5:15 - 9 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Choir Rehearsal 4:45 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> 7:00 pm <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> The Light is on for You 6 - 7 pm <i>St. Jude</i> ACTS Faith Sharing 6:30 - 8 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Together with Alzheimer's 7 - 8:30 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i>
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
19 Meals on Wheels 8:00 am - 12:30 pm <i>St. Jude</i> The Light is on for You 6 - 7 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	20 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am <i>St. Gregory the Great</i> 3 - 6 pm <i>St. Jude</i> Catholic Homeschoolers 10 am - 12 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i> Making Music, Praying Twice 10:30 am <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	21 St. Peter Canisius That Man is You 7:00 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 8:45 - 9:45 am <i>Sacred Heart</i>	22 Fourth Sunday of Advent Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am <i>St. Jude</i> Sacramental Prep 9:30 am <i>Sacred Heart</i> Charlotte Lou Martino Baptism 10:30 am (during mass) <i>Holy Martyrs</i>	Evelyn Grace Pitts Baptism 12 pm <i>Sacred Heart</i> Calix 7:00 pm <i>Holy Martyrs</i>

Mass Intentions for December 14 – December 22

Saturday, December 14	Wednesday, December 18
8:15 am SH Fr. M † Tom Stanford by the Jordan family	7:30 am HM Fr. K *Special Intention for Joanna by her grandparents
4:00 pm HM Fr. K † Kathy Albert by her family	Thursday, December 19
4:00 pm SGTG Fr. M † Patrick Sullivan by Suzanne	8:00 am SH Fr. K † Tammi Stokes by Gina Stokes
4:00 pm SH Fr. C † Tim Flaherty by his wife Terry & family	Friday, December 20
Sunday, December 15	7:30 am HM Fr. K † Marcella Weiss by Jerry & Brigid DiDonna
8:00 am SH Fr. C † Corey Alley by Dina Lattanzi	8:00 am SGTG Fr. C † Nicholas Green by Lawrence & Janet Nowinski
8:30 am HM Fr. K † Alberta J. Adcock by Tracy Winkeler	Saturday, December 21
8:30 am SGTG Fr. M † Bernie Bernardo by the Boulos family	8:15 am SH Fr. M † Napoleon & Sophronie Brochu by their family
9:30 am SJ Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners	4:00 pm HM Fr. C † George W. Canty by Patricia LaClair
10:30 am HM Fr. K † Albert Knorp by the Hart family	4:00 pm SGTG Fr. K † Berthier "Bert" Picard by Jean Hyland
11:00 am SH Fr. M † Deceased family of Joseph & Nellie Goulette by their family	4:00 pm SH Fr. M † Nancy O'Rourke by Donna Curtis
5:30 pm HM Fr. K † Karen Mills by Briget Dukoff	Sunday, December 22
Monday, December 16	8:00 am SH Fr. M *Special Intention for Annabelle Rivera by Vicki Saba
7:30 am HM Fr. K † Michael Kostin by the Kostin family	8:30 am HM Fr. C † Philip B. Hatch by Lisa & Dan Hatch
8:00 am SH Fr. M † Lewis & Susan Snow by Joe & Jean Bean	8:30 am SGTG Fr. K † Denise Bagdon by the Bagdon family
12:15 pm SJ Fr. C † Deacon Eugene Loring by Deacon Dennis & Bev Popadak	9:30 am SJ Fr. M † Broneslava Nakas by Carol Barbera
Tuesday, December 17	10:30 am HM Fr. C *All POTHE Parishioners
7:30 am HM Fr. C *Special Intention for our grandchildren by Michael & Theresa Beaulieu	11:00 am SH Fr. K † Fr. Don Bosco Duquette by John & Judy LaPlante
	5:30 pm HM Fr. C *Health & Healing of James by Jack & Judy Fallon
	NH—Nursing Home VP—Visiting Priest *Special Intention † Deceased

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Welcome, Visitors!

Want to participate in our Offertory collection? If you'd like to make your offering online, please scan the QR code.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 22—Haiti Door Collection: We will be sending a Christmas gift to our sister parishes Sacred Heart of Meyer and St. Therese of Marbial in early December, to assist with their Christmas celebration and support their youth programs. The Haiti door collection will be December 21 and 22. Any contributions will be helpful in supporting this work. Also, check out the highlighted Haiti updates in the column to the right and visit our webpage for more details about the works your donations support and their specific needs. Thank you for your generosity. Visit: pothe.org/haiti.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY:

Our annual consecration of families to the Holy Family will take place at all Masses in the parish offered for Sunday, December 29. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the models of family life. Let's ask for their prayers and guidance for our families as we strive to make ours more like theirs.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING NEEDS: We are accepting warm, winter clothing for men and women. Clothes must be clean and in good, usable condition. We especially need men's pants along with sweaters, long-sleeve tops, jackets, coats, socks, shoes, boots, and undergarments. Place donations in the designated collection bins—Thank you to all of our volunteers who support St. Vincent de Paul Mission. FMI: Evelyn, (207) 447-1086.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CANCELATIONS:

Due to Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Martyrs on December 23 or 30 or at St. Jude on December 27.



HAITI UPDATES: Dear POTHE Parishioners, Thank you so much for your generous support of \$1800 for the purchase of the audio equipment. We are pleased to inform you that we have been able to procure the materials locally, which simplifies the process, given the shipping challenges to Haiti. Regarding the previous \$2200 donation, we used \$1000 to fund the education of young people from the parish, as previously mentioned. The remaining amount was used to cover the expenses for the upkeep (food and other needs) of the presbytery.

We would also like to share with you our new project: the construction of a parish building, which we will undertake in phases. In the first phase, we plan to build the first level, which will cost \$59,259.85. We are hopeful that we can count on your support for this project, which will have a significant and lasting impact on our community. Additionally, we are working hard to support our youth with the limited resources we have, given the challenging situation in the country. One of our chapels is also facing serious difficulties in its construction. We are in great need of support to complete this important work, and we truly hope that you can assist us in this endeavor as well.



Thank you once again for your unwavering help and prayers. May God continue to bless your parish and guide us all. Sincerely, Father Pierre

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

CHALICE PROGRAM

PART 1: GABRIEL BECOMES A PRIEST

Since September of this year, families have been signing up weekly to take home a chalice and pray for priests. Each day they pray for a different priest (Fr. Marquis was very pleased to find out he had Wednesdays) and also pray for vocations to the priesthood in our state.

As part of the program, our families learn about one of our the historic missionary priests of Maine: Fr. Gabriel Druillettes. For the next four weeks, we will share with you the stories about Fr. Gabriel that our families have been reading. As St. John Vianney said, "If people really understood what a priest was, they would die not of fear, but of love." We hope that through these stories you come to a deeper appreciation of the priestly vocation and what God has worked through the hands of one of the many holy priests who have labored in our state. To sign your family to take the chalice for a week and pray for our priests, please go to pothe.org/chaliceprogram.

"A priest's duties are to offer sacrifice, to bless, to govern, to preach, and to baptize. So high a dignity should be approached with great awe."

Gabriel lay on the cold, marble floor of the cathedral in France. The bishop had just finished his homily and the litany of saints was being chanted. In a moment, the bishop would lay his hands on Gabriel's head and Gabriel would become a priest.

The thought was overwhelming. Gabriel had been preparing for this for years. Now it was happening. Sixteen hundred years earlier, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, had given power to His 12 disciples to baptize, forgive sins, offer Mass, and preach. In their lifetime, they had laid hands on other men to whom they gave this same authority. Now Gabriel was about to receive it, too.



The responsibility was a little overwhelming. It was his job to show people the way to heaven, and Christ was entrusting him with the graces they needed to get there. Soon, at his words, all sin on a person's soul could be wiped away. At his words, Jesus Christ would come down from heaven to the altar where he was saying Mass. People would depend on him to bring them Jesus; that thought was both exciting and scary all at the same time.

It was time. Gabriel stood up and knelt before the bishop. The bishop laid his hands on his head and silently prayed. It was done. He was a priest.

—Joe Moreshead

PRAYER CORNER

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, December 7	Rev. Elaiyareja Thaniyel, HGN Rev. Joseph Lukong
Sunday, December 8	Bishop Emeritus Robert P. Deeley, JCD
Monday, December 9	Rev. Kyle L. Doustou Rev. Anthony Korir, SMA
Tuesday, December 10	Rev. Brian J. Conley, SJ Rev. Robert J. Pecoraro, SJ
Weds., December 11	Rev. James R Roy, MM Rev. James S. Plourde
Thursday, December 12	Rev. Paul M. Sullivan, SJ Rev. Richard C. McLaughlin
Friday, December 13	Rev. Jacob C. George Rev. John R. d'Anjou, SJ †
Saturday, December 14	Rev. Anthanasius S. Wirsy Rev. Gerald A. Levesque
Sunday, December 15	All Priests



Sanctuary Candle Lit

SACRED HEART
December 15–21
for
Tammi Stokes

WHY WE ASK FOR PRAYERS: We know God hears all our prayers. Many of us have known the power of His answers. As a faith community, we are called to pray for each other, which is why we publish a list of people in need of healing in the bulletin. Please call our parish office at (207) 847-6890 to include yourself on the list. If you want to add someone else, please ask permission from that person first.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Vin Nguyen, Ezekiel Banla, Evans B. Yongyee, Joseph Beale, Nick Hershbine, Deacons: Erin Donlon, Thanh Duc Pham, Hoa Tien Nguyen.

PRAY FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FAMILY: Brother Chip Metevier; Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey; Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford; Brother Gerald Bose; Brother Charles Thurston; Luke Roy, son of Brother Mark Roy; Art Crowley, brother of Brother Mike Crowley; Brother Manen Clements and wife Pat; Brother James King; Cindy Carrier, wife of Brother Steve Carrier; Brother Paul Tracy.

PLEASE KEEP IN HEALING PRAYER: Marianne McNally-Purda, Gretchen Sayward, Edward Hartnett, Joe Becker, Peter Allen Longley, Marie McCann, Dolores Hartnett, Keith Stackpole, Ann Marie Branigan, Ryan Holden, Denise Tibbetts, Bob Pigeon, Nancy Crouch, Doris Charest, Charlie Miller, Jack Laibinis, Sr., Tiffany Eaton, Gilman Michaud, Kelly Dupont, Jean Bissonnette, Tanya Ziegler, Michael Connolly, Charles Pinette, Michaela McGee, Hannah Robinson, Pat Rideout, Judy Edwards, Joe Slattery.

Sharing God's Word ~ Through Faith Formation and Pastoral Life

OPUS DEI: is a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church, which endeavors to help people find God in their everyday lives. Groups are separated by men and women with each group meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, go to opusdei.org. Opus Dei is part of the Catholic Church. The name is Latin for "Work of God." Opus Dei's mission is to spread the Christian message that every person is called to holiness and that every honest work can be sanctified. Our next Recollection is Wednesday, December 28 at Holy Martyrs.

Morning of Recollection for Women: The morning schedule begins at 9:30 am and includes a meditation by the priest, a talk given by a lay member on topics relating to the Christian life, and time for silent prayer. There will also be an opportunity for Confession/Spiritual Direction beginning at 9:30 am. The meditation begins at 10:30 am and Holy Mass begins at 11:50 am. The recollection is conducted by a priest of Opus Dei.

Evening of Recollection for Men: The evening schedule runs from 6 to 7:45 pm and includes opportunities for Confession, a talk by a layman on Christian virtue, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation guided by a priest of Opus Dei, time for silent prayer, Adoration, and Benediction. Confession is available from 5:15-6:00 pm. Snacks and refreshments will follow in the hall.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 15 at St. Gregory the Great in Gray following the 8:30 am Mass. All families in the parish are welcome to participate. All parishioners are invited to attend this heartwarming tradition featuring families from all corners of the POTHE Kingdom.

ADVENT BOOK—33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY: Our parish Advent book this year is *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. Parishioners are invited to spend 5 to 10 minutes each day diving into the mystery of the most Holy Eucharist and reflecting on their relationship with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks to a generous donor, books are available for free in the back of each church. We still have a few copies available!



ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR CONFESSION: During the third week of Advent, POTHE will offer *The Light is on for You* to continue preparing for Christmas. Confessions will begin at 6:00 pm each evening as follows:



- December 16 — St. Gregory the Great,
- December 17 — Sacred Heart,
- December 18 — St. Jude,
- December 19—Holy Martyrs.

For a refresher on how to go to Confession and a sample Examination of Conscience, consult the insert this week or visit: pothe.org/reconciliation.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES: Share the joy of Christmas by taking a tag from one of our trees this Advent!

HOLY MARTYRS: Gifts will benefit young people detained at Long Creek Youth Development Center and families referred by Catholic Charities. Please return gift cards with tags by December 15. FMI, Phyllis Kellyphyllis124@yahoo.com, (207) 899 - 5986, or Pat Tinlady35@gmail.com, (802) 748-9688.

The food drive will create food baskets for local families. Please return donations by December 22. Baskets will be delivered on Monday, December 23. To help with delivery, contact Danielle dtracy1@maine.rr.com or (207) 232-5113.

ST. JUDE: Gifts were due December 8. If you have questions, please call Chris (207) 712-8127.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT: Gifts benefit families participating with the Gray/New Gloucester Caring Community. Gifts must be wrapped and returned with the original tag by December 22. FMI, Sherry at Sherry.Hebert@otsuka-us.com.

Sacred Heart: Gifts benefit refugee families processed by Catholic Charities. Return wrapped gifts with tags by December 15. FMI, parish office, (207) 847-6890.

The food drive will support the Yarmouth Food Pantry efforts to provide holiday baskets to local families. Pick up a shopping list in the narthex and return donations by December 15. FMI, parish office, (207) 847-6890.

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Our Churches

Holy Martyrs: 266 Foreside Road, Falmouth

Sacred Heart: 326 Main Street, Yarmouth

St. Gregory the Great: 24 N. Raymond Road, Gray

St. Jude: 134 Main Street, Freeport

Our Parish Office

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Our Cemetery

Holy Cross Cemetery

75 Smith Street, Yarmouth
Contact Michele at (207) 773-5796

Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Monday:

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Holy Martyrs (except holidays)

Friday:

8:30 am - 9:30 am St. Gregory the Great

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm St. Jude

Saturday:

8:45 am - 9:45 am Sacred Heart

Our Confession Schedule

Saturday:

8:00 am Holy Martyrs, 1st Saturday of the month

8:45-9:45 am Sacred Heart

2:30-3:30 pm Sacred Heart, St. Gregory the Great,
and Holy Martyrs

Or by appointment

Our Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Anticipatory):

4:00 pm Holy Martyrs

4:00 pm St. Gregory the Great

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

Sunday:

8:00 am Sacred Heart

8:30 am Holy Martyrs

8:30 am St. Gregory the Great

9:30 am St. Jude

10:30 am Holy Martyrs

11:00 am Sacred Heart

5:30 pm Holy Martyrs (quiet Mass)

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Daily Masses

Monday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

8:00 am Sacred Heart

12:15 pm Saint Jude

Tuesday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

Wednesday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

Thursday:

8:00 am Sacred Heart

Friday:

7:30 am Holy Martyrs

8:00 am St. Gregory the Great

Saturday:

8:15 am Sacred Heart

9:00 am Holy Martyrs 1st Sat.
of the month

Sacramental and Pastoral Care

Becoming Catholic: Please contact

pothe.faithformation@portlanddiocese.org

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office with the name, condition, address, and phone number of the person who is in need. **If calling after hours**, when voicemail message begins, press 7 to leave a message for the on-call priest.

Communion to the Homebound: Please email Regina Prince,
regina.prince@portlanddiocese.org.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants: Please contact our parish office to begin the process.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the desired date of your wedding.

Making Funeral Arrangements: Please contact the funeral home, and they will assist you in making arrangements for the church.