

2nd
Sunday
of Advent



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"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'" Mark 1:2-3

December 10, 2023

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**Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Please call the Rectory to register your child.

Baptism Preparation Classes are held the 1st Sunday of each month @12:30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:45pm-3:45pm or by appointment or by request after Mass.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married at Saint Mary's should make an appointment to meet with the priest in person, at least one year prior to the wedding date and prior to booking a venue/vendor.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays - 9:30am-noon

Fatima Prayer Cells

Tuesdays following 9:00am Mass

Thursdays - 3:30pm-4:30pm

Holy Souls Prayer Group

Fridays - 3:00pm-4:00pm

Holy Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays-Saturdays - 8:25am

St. Mary's Prayer Line

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining our Prayer Line please email Laurie at lbubencik@stmarysfoxboro.org or call the Rectory.

Catholic Daughters

Meetings are the third Sunday of each month after the 11am Mass.

Knights of Columbus

Meetings are the first Friday of each month @7pm with a Rosary at 6:30pm.

Low Gluten Hosts

Please speak to one of the ushers or the celebrant before Mass if you would like to receive a low gluten host

Change of Address: Make sure to stay connected! Send any changes to your address or telephone number to the Rectory or email lbubencik@stmarysfoxboro.org.



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<http://www.pilotbulletins.net/sign-up/>
to register for this service.

St. Mary's Mission Statement

Saint Mary's Church is a Roman Catholic community of faith established in 1859 in Foxborough, Massachusetts within the Archdiocese of Boston. We are a parish committed to worshipping together, to publicly living, teaching and sharing our faith, and to working at becoming a community with a shared responsibility for meeting the challenge of being a Roman Catholic in a modern world.



†SATURDAY, December 9

4:00 Members of St. Mary's Parish

†SUNDAY, December 10

7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Our second grade Religious Education students who received the sacrament of First Penance last week.
 11:00 Bea O'Hara Memorial

†WEDNESDAY, December 13

9:00 The spiritual, mental and physical healing for those on St. Anthony's list

†THURSDAY, December 14

9:00 Joan Aucoin

†SATURDAY, December 16

9:00 Those displaced from their homelands
 4:00 June Cote

†SUNDAY, December 17

7:00 Members of St. Mary's Parish
 9:00 Arthur Viens
 11:00 Those members of the military listed in our bulletin

Please remember in your prayers the ill and infirmed of the parish and all our beloved deceased, including our Mass Intentions Guild.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Jack Caires.**

If you would like to remember your beloved deceased by lighting the Sanctuary Candle in their memory, please call the Rectory. A \$30 good will offering is suggested.

Weekly Offertory - \$8,493

OFFERTORY

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24
 4pm – upstairs and downstairs
 Monday, December 25
 Midnight, 7am, 9am, 11am



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us for our monthly Coffee and Donuts the first Sunday of the month after the 9am mass.



Next date: January 7, February 4

Please remember in your prayers the following men and women serving in our military:



William Albano, Louise Balduf, Graham P. Johnston, Daniel Sheehan, Shane McAuley. Also Sean Davey, Cpl. Eric Thomas, Cpt. Joseph A. Colantoni, Sgt. James R. Jarvis III, US Army 1st Lt. Brian Johns & Master Sgt. Chris Butler. Also Staff Sgts. Andrew & Arielle Grato, Sgt. Eric Seiden, Army Airborne. Also Frank Fleming, Matthew Goode, USAF Major David Gonzalez, USMC Ryan Davis, Lt. Colonel Kevin Michael Ryan, Major Lindsey Ryan, Army MSG James Crowley, William Lopatka, PFC Elizabeth V. McCarthy-Tang.

Also Cpl. Senghak Tang. PFC Hyder Alsatlawi, USCG Matt Bonneau, US Army Faryn Little, USAF Daniel W. Luring, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jesse Boyd, Sgt. Nicole L. Jenkins, Capt. Bill Lord, Lt. FC Sarah Lord, Lt. Comm. Anthony LaCourse and GM2 Paul J. Bergman. Also USMC Eric Kelly, USAF Lt. Colonel Mark Barrera, Spec. Ryan Fallows, US Army Private Mitchell Connolly, Sgt. Jeffrey Kielpinski.

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If you have a family member, friend or loved one serving in the military please call the Rectory 508-543-7726.



Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones.

Donations for the Altar Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one are currently being accepted. Please place your offering in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and include the names of those to be remembered. Place your envelope in the collection basket or through the mail slot at the Rectory. Deadline to be listed in the Bulletin is December 11.



A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; The rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 40:3-5

Please visit our Advent table at the back of the church. Find:

- **The Little Blue Book:** Reflections are from December 3, 2023 through January 8, 2024, and are based on the first reading for daily Mass.
- **Jesse Tree packets** for families to read, discuss and color.
- **Advent Wreath** information
- **The Word Among Us**
- **2024 Religious Art Calendar**

ST. MARY'S COR GROUP

We are pleased to report that our first COR meeting was well attended. We had a lively discussion about how we approach and enrich our daily prayer lives.

Our next COR meeting will be held on **Thursday December 21 at 7pm in the Murphy Room**. The opening prayer will be Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of The Hours. Our discussion will center on the graces received from the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Attendees will have the opportunity to make their Advent Confession. St. Mary's Cor Program is open to all men of the parish, who wish to enrich their faith, as we contend with the challenges of living as catholic man in today's secular society.

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.



Thank you to our volunteers and families who participated in our Youth Group babysitting day!





Please join us for our
Annual Free
Christmas Pancake Breakfast!
Sunday, December 17 after the 9am Mass.

Come join us for some delicious pancakes
prepared by
the *Knights of Columbus* and *Catholic Daughters*.



There may even be a surprise visit from St. Nick himself. Bring your camera!

Donations gladly accepted



Blessing of Baby Jesus

December 16 & 17, we will continue the Vatican tradition of blessing our Baby Jesus figurines to St. Mary's Parish.

This tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and has continued each year. It is known as Bambinelli Sunday (Bambinelli is the Italian name for the figurines).

Join us at all the masses and bring your Nativity Baby Jesus for a special blessing. Start a new tradition with your family.

Walking with the Saints

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel - [YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston).

Mental Health Matters: A Workshop to Empower Parents (1/24/2024)

On Weds. Jan. 24th at 7 PM join Dr. Mookie Manalili, a Catholic psychologist from Boston College; retired psychologist and pastor, Father Jim Ronan, and mental health clinician, author, and parent Suzanne Muldoon for a Zoom panel discussion on how parents can best support and care for their children and themselves in the midst of mental health concerns. The panelists will address diagnoses, recommendations, and how faith impacts healing. The complimentary workshop is sponsored by Family Life. For questions, call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756. To register: <https://bit.ly/MHMtoParents>



A Celebration of Convalidation (2/11/2024)

Married couples desiring holy matrimony in the Catholic Church are invited to convalidate their marriage on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell as the celebrant. A convalidation ceremony is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter into a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. For more information, email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org or visit our registration page at <https://bit.ly/Convalidation>

Foxborough Memory Cafe

DECEMBER 19 1:30-3:00PM

Join us for *Live Music* with **Donna Newman-Bluestein**
Come listen, sing along and tap your toes.

The Foxborough Memory Cafe is a welcoming place for individuals, families and friends of those living with memory changes.

We respectfully ask caregivers to remain with their loved ones during this program.

Questions? Call the Foxborough Senior Center 508-543-1234

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Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center

Did you know ... Many women struggle with an aching heart from the loss of their aborted child during the holidays. They hide alone in the shadows feeling empty, broken - full of shame and regret. If this is you, please make a brave choice to seek healing. Contact Abundant Hope at 508-455-0425 to arrange a private consultation and hear about our Healing Bible Study called Surrendering the Secret. Take this opportunity to learn the truth about the Lord's forgiveness, peace and restoration.

Saint John of the Cross

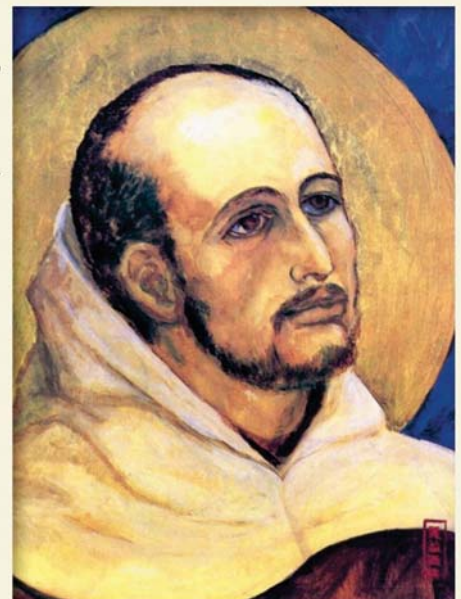
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FEAST DAY — DECEMBER 14

A Doctor of the Church, John is also one of its great mystics and poets. Born Juan de Yepes de Alvarez in Spain, he was raised by his mother and entered a Carmelite monastery in 1563. He was ordained in 1567. Finding the Carmelites very lax, he joined with St. Teresa of Avila to reform the order. In 1568, he entered the first reformed house for men, taking the name John of the Cross. He encountered severe opposition and was even imprisoned for nine months in a monastery cell, where he began writing poems. The Dark Night of the Soul is his most famous work. Only after his death was John recognized as co-founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is the patron saint of mystics and poets.

“ We must dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides. **”**

—Saint John of the Cross



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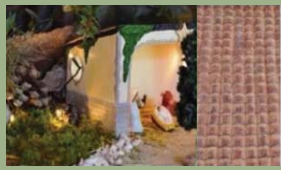
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