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LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice! Rejoice!

God of all Names,
you are our hope and guide on the path
to holiness.
O Wisdom, come and lead us to the path
of truth.
O Lord of Lords, come and teach
us reverence.
O Root of Jesse, come and show us the way
of salvation.

O Key of David, come and open for us
heaven's door.
O Radiant Dawn, come and point us to your
healing light.
O King of Nations, come and shower us with
mercy and grace.
O Emmanuel, come into our hearts and
make us one with you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, December 17, 2023

O Come, O Come



Today's readings: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28. Infused with a spirit of joy, the Scriptures remind us to ready ourselves with hope and gratitude.

The "O" Antiphons offer a beautiful way to heighten our attention to Christ's coming in this last week of Advent. Based on Isaiah's prophecies, the antiphons echo ancient titles given to the long-awaited messiah.

Daily reflection on the "O" Antiphons helps us prepare the manger of our hearts to welcome the infant. The Christ

child is Wisdom itself; he is our Lord; he descends from the Root of Jesse; he is the Radiant Dawn, the King of Nations, he is truly Emmanuel, God-with-us.

With today's antiphon, we recall that the prophet Isaiah ascribed the quality of wisdom to the messiah, saying, "Wonderful is his counsel and great his wisdom" (Isaiah 28:29). This prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus, the incarnation of divine wisdom, transmitted through the power of his words, and poured out in his daily living with us.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 18

O Adonai (Lord)

The Hebrew people used the title *Adonai* as a substitute for the unutterable name of God. Today's "O" Antiphon calls us to attention and reminds us that when we invoke the name of the Lord, we should do so with the utmost reverence. Today's readings: *Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25.*

Tuesday, December 19

O Root of Jesse

Today's prophetic invocation for Jesus hearkens to the source of his human ancestry: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, / and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isaiah 11:1). Jesse was the father of King David and is designated as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. From the Root of Jesse, comes a branch, Jesus, from whom we graft life. Today's readings: *Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.*

Wednesday, December 20

O Key of David

The genealogy of Jesus locates him in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah foretells, "I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder" (Isaiah 22:22). Thus, Jesus carries the power to liberate us from sin with the exquisite grace of forgiveness and to open the doors for all those asleep in the underworld. Jesus, the key to the kingdom of God, shows us the way to salvation. Today's readings: *Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38.*

Thursday, December 21

O Radiant Dawn

Today's "O" Antiphon stems from the celebrated prophecy "The people who walked in darkness / have seen a great light; / Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom / a light has shone" (Isaiah 9:1). In praying "O Radiant Dawn," we call for Jesus, the light, to break through the darkness of our lives like the dawn transforming the night sky. Christians often plan to line their sidewalks and front entryways with lights on Christmas Eve as a testimony of their joy at the arrival of the Light of the world. Today's readings: *Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45.*

Friday, December 22

O King of Nations

The Hebrew people eagerly awaited a messiah to relieve them from oppression and restore justice to the land. In her canticle in the Gospel of Luke, Mary paints a picture of their savior as one who will "scatter the proud in their conceit, cast down the mighty from their thrones, fill the hungry with good things" (Luke 1:51-53). Even though the prophet Isaiah foretold that this longed for "King of Nations" would come as a child, no one could imagine the messiah entering the world as a homeless infant. Jesus upended expectations forevermore. Today's readings: *1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56.*

Saturday, December 23

O Emmanuel

As we turn the page from Advent to Christmas, we invoke our final "O" Antiphon, calling the child Jesus *Emmanuel*, which means "God-with-us." Herein meld the most unlikely truths: the infant born in a manger is truly God dwelling among us. The infant, completely dependent upon the care and protection of his parents, is indeed the Savior of the world. Today's readings: *Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14; Luke 1:57-66.*



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Confession: Sat. 3:30-4:00 PM

*Call the Office for Information on receiving the
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Sacrament of the Sick and Homebound Visits.*

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live stream mass schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Cable: NCTV 191 & 192

Mon: 12:00 Noon, Wed. 8:00 AM, Sat: 8:00 AM

mass schedule

Weekend of Dec. 16 & 17

Sat. 4:30 PM + Sarah Kilby (7th Anniv.)
By her Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + Arline Day
By Donna Davis
10:00 AM + Steve Desmarais (11th Anniv.)
By his Family
5:00 PM + Helen Billings (15th Anniv.)
By her Family

Week of Dec. 18 - 22

Mon. 8:30 AM + Remi and Lucille Roy & William and
Mary Susienka
By their Family
Tues. 8:30 AM + Jennifer Lynn Kennie
By Ralph and Loretta Miller
Wed. 4:30 PM + Kristen LeBlanc Marsh
By the Bartlett Family
Thursday No Mass

Weekend of Dec. 23 & 24/25

Sat. 4:30 PM + Diane Massey
By Joanne Briand
Sun. 10:00 AM + St. Patrick's Parishioners

**Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM Vigil + St. Patrick's Parishioners
and Midnight + St. Patrick's Parishioners**
Christmas Day: 10:00 AM + St. Patrick's Parishioners

The Mass book is open for the months Jan-March. If you would
like to book a mass in memory
of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.
The stipend for the Mass is \$10.00.

Reflections :

Welcome to week #3 of Advent! We made it to lighting the pink candle, the candle of JOY! When my kids were little, this was a big deal. What started as a tantrum became a new tradition for our family. One of mine was in the midst of a meltdown during dinner, and we turned off the dining room lights and there was only the flickering of the Advent wreath. That flickering candle mesmerized mine and prevented a complete meltdown. From then on during Advent, we ate by candlelight. It started off very dark eating by the flicker of one little flame. When we reached week three the dining room was getting brighter, and my kids knew Christmas was almost here. The lighting of the pink candle for them was a moment of joy. When they were little, they didn't fully comprehend the joy of waiting for the Savior, more of the joy of waiting for Santa. Yet it is in the joy of waiting with our littles we can witness the true magic of the Season.



A special thank you to all who have supported our campaign for Rise Against Hunger. Our pancake breakfast was such a special time to see so many of our community come together to support our 7th and 8th graders. It was such a great help to have the Knights of Columbus willing to cook for us. The kids loved seeing everyone. They were so excited that morning. As of the writing of this, we are halfway towards our goal. It is a relief to be this far along in December. We need to reach our goal by the end of April and then in May we will be able to pack \$10,000 meals for those less fortunate.

As you read this our Christmas Pageant "Just a Little Christmas to Believe In" will just have finished. Since October Chris Bilodeau, Shelly and I have been working with our amazing elementary and middle school students to put this together. We have been practicing hard and all 36 of our kids are excited for the night. We hope you were able to watch either live in the Church or through our amazing AV Ministry. While Shelly, Chris and I worked with the kids, Shawn spent two months working to get the lighting and audio to the best quality possible.

As we finish our Advent season and turn quickly to Christmas, I wish you a blessed and healthy holiday season. I pray your struggles will ease and you can enjoy the Spirit and Joy of the Christmas season. One of my blessings is working with my staff family and being able to spend time with you, our Parish Community.

Merry Christmas, Peace and Joy,

Aileen

ADVENT 2023—ST. PATRICK PARISH



Advent Mass Schedule:

Saturdays: 4:30 PM
Sundays: 8 AM, 10 AM, 5 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00 PM

Lessons in Carols:

Sunday., Jan. 7th, 2 PM



Regular Masses:

Saturday, Dec. 23, 4th Sunday of Advent Mass: 4:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 24th, 4th Sunday of Advent Mass: 10 AM

Christmas Masses:

Sunday Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Masses: 4:30 PM Vigil
and Midnight

Monday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day Mass: 10 AM Mass

Weekend of New Year's:

Saturday, Dec. 30: 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 31 (New Years Eve), The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:
Masses 8, 10, 5



Next weekend:

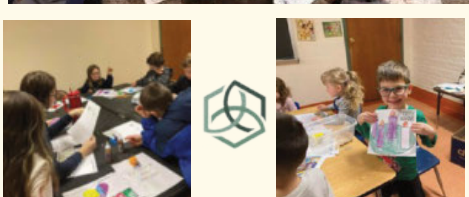
Because the weekend celebrates both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve,
the next bulletin will feature pages for both celebration, also.

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Faith Formation News:

Last week, Our 3rd and 4th graders talked about how to follow in Jesus' footprints. Second grade read the Prodigal Son and did an Examination of Conscience. Preschool through 1st grade learned more about Advent. Our last pageant practice included acting and coloring. And our Confirmation class revisited what "We Are the Body" means as well as Gifts of the Spirit.



Upcoming Second Collections:

Dec: Christmas Flowers Dec. 17: Utilities Dec. 25: Christmas Dec. 31: Audio Visual Ministry

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Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
11/12/2023	\$4,116.00	\$2,298.50	\$6,414.50	\$8,700
11/19/2023	\$4,581.00	\$3,281.50	\$7,862.50	\$8,700
11/26/2023	\$3,938.00	\$1,930.50	\$5,868.50	\$8,700
12/03/2023	\$6,531.00	\$7,280.85	\$13,811.85	\$8,700
12/10/2023	\$4,470.00	\$4,166.50	\$8,636.50	\$8,700
Average Weekly To-Date FY 2024	\$4,433.99	\$3,958.56	\$8,392.55	\$8,700



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Free Christmas Dinner



**Blackstone Valley United
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Cordially Invites You to Our
Free Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 25th
12 Noon - 2 PM**

6 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville

For more information, contact the church at:

508-234-2275



We are in need of additional volunteers to help with our John 21 Breakfast Program

on Saturday mornings. Each team serves every 8 weeks on a rotating basis. If you can help please call the office at 508-234-5656. Donations are always welcome.

Some Recent Facebook Posts by Fr. Tomasz

Be at peace with yourself. Be at peace with God. Be at peace with others. :)

When we preach doctrine we loose people. When we preach love, we build a family. :)

God will never give up on you or leave you. God is love and love does not abandon. God is the potter, we are the clay. :)



Let Us Pray for Those in the Service

Almighty God, we stand before you asking for your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen

Please remember the following service personnel in your prayers as they serve and protect our country:

L.Cpl. Aaron Marshall, Okinawa, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Army, L.Cpl. Troy Monteville, Stateside, Capt. Jason Jordan, US Army, So. Korea, Nicole DeFazio, Deployed USS Normandy CG60, US Marine L.Cpl. Kevin James Sabin Lejeune, NC

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