



Sunday, December 14th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

The Roman Catholic Parish of

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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Jean-Paul Labrie, V.F.

Senior Priest: Rev. Kent Ouellette

Parish Office: 26 East Main Street, Fort Kent ME 04743

Office Hours: Wednesday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM **Closed on Fridays**

Phone: 207-834-5656; **Fax:** 207-834-7461

Website: stjohnvianneyparish.net; **E-mail:** stjohnvianneyparish@portlanddiocese.org

Faith Formation Center: 102 Pleasant St. Fort Kent, ME 04743



Upcoming Holy Hour

St. Charles Church:

Sunday, January 4
from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

St. Louis Church:

Sunday, December 14 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Holy Rosary

St. Charles:

Saturdays before Mass

St. Louis:

Wednesdays & Saturdays before Mass

Divine Mercy

Chaplet:

St. Louis

Wednesdays after Mass



St. Charles Church

912 Main Street

St. Francis, ME 04774

St. Joseph Church

7 Church Street

Wallagrass, ME 04781

St. Louis Church

26 East Main Street

Fort Kent, ME 04743

St. Mary Church

3451 Aroostook Road

Eagle Lake, ME 04739

St. John Church

1867 St. John Road

St. John Plt., ME 04743

St. Paul Church

320 Dickey Road

Allagash, ME 04774

Holy Family Cemetery

21 Cemetery Road

New Canada, ME 04743

Sacred Heart Cemetery

7 Church Street

Soldier Pond, ME 04781

St. Francis Cemetery

500 Main Street

St. Francis, ME 04774

St. Charles Cemetery

960 Main Street

St. Francis, ME 04774

St. John Cemetery

1867 St. John Road

St. John Plt., ME 04743

St. Joseph Cemetery

1249 Aroostook Road

Wallagrass, ME 04781

St. Louis Cemetery, New

139 East Main Street

Fort Kent, ME 04743

St. Louis Cemetery, Old

14-18 East Main Street

Fort Kent, ME 04743

St. Mary Cemetery

3443 Aroostook Road

Eagle Lake, ME 04739

St. Paul Cemetery

Dickey Road

Allagash, ME 04774

Good Shepherd Ministries

214 W. Main St., Suite 102

Fort Kent, ME 04743

207-834-7166

St. Mary Church Pantry

3443 Aroostook Road

Eagle Lake, ME 04739

St. Charles Church Pantry

912 Main Street

St. Francis, ME 04774

Parish Financial Stewardship

For the Weekend of November 29 & 30

Totals are unavailable this week.



*eCatholic collected from parishioners

Upcoming Secondary Collections/Special Offerings

Dec 14: Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec 25: Christmas Offering

Jan 1: Initial Offering

Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary

St. John Vianney Parish

Please prayerfully consider switching to e-giving

SCAN TO GIVE



Are Vocations Calling?



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Luke 3:4) St. John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 207-613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

Good Shepherd Ministries



Thrift Shop Hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 10am-3pm

Good Shepherd **Donation Drop Box** is accepting donations from 7am to 7pm. After 7pm the drop will be **locked**. Please drop off clean and gently used items. Also, please close boxes and tie bags closed.

Seeking volunteer cashiers, must be willing to do Protecting God's Children courses & monthly bulletins. For more information: 834-7166.

Gift certificates to the Good Shepherd are available at the parish office. Please stop by if you are interested in giving a certificate as a gift.



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Sacrament of the Sick

Call the parish office anytime: 834-5656. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, call ahead.

Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Saturday at St. Louis Church from 3:00pm-3:30pm, during Holy Hour, at St. Charles & St. Mary by approaching the priest before Mass, or by appointment--call the parish office: 834-5656.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advanced.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Faith Formation Center at 834-3984 to complete registration & to sign up for Baptism Preparation. We have moved to Online Baptism Preparation. Pre-registration is required, if more than 5 years since your last child was baptized, you fall in this category too!

Sacrament of Eucharist & Confirmation

2nd Year class dates: Nov. 20, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5 & Rehearsal, Confirmation & 1st Communion Mass: TBD. FFC phone: 834-3984.

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA/C)

Session: Mondays at 6:30pm in the Conference Room in the Rectory. Use Garage side door to enter. FFC phone: 834-3984.

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Contact Fr. Brad Morin, Director of Vocations, at (207) 773-6471 or e-mail vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

Middle/High School Youth Ministry

Middle school & High school: Tuesdays 6pm-7:30, St. Louis Youth Room.

Join us for Mass on TV or Online



Saturdays at 4:00pm & re-aired Sunday at 8:00pm & 2:00pm, tune into WFKTV-4 cable Channel 8 (1301), visit the "WKTv-4" YouTube channel, or our parish website's "Watch the Mass Online" page. Special thanks to Channel 4 camera crew: Chaz, Danny, Don, Judy & Thomas.

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions!

By 8:00am on Monday, **December 15** for the weekend of **December 21**.

Please submit your request via email:

SJVP-bulletineditor@portlanddiocese.org

Prayer Chain

Do you know someone who needs the power of prayer in their lives? You can have them added on the Prayer Chain by calling 834-3222 or 834-5487.

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

Moved? Changed phone number? New email address? Please contact the parish office: 834-5656.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4pm (St. Louis) *Zoel Morneau* by the staff of St. John Vianney Parish
6pm (St. Charles) *Berton Taggette* by Deborah & Family

Sunday, December 14, 2025 (Third Sunday of Advent)

8am (St. Joseph) *For the People* by the Pastor
9am (St. Louis) *Norman Desjardins, 4th Anniversary* by Gail & Bruce Desjardins
11am (St. Mary) *Theresa, Anita & Roland* by Mildred

Monday, December 15, 2025

7am (St. Louis Church) *Carole Martin* by St Louis Cleaning Crew

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

7am (St. Louis Church) *Dale L. Voisine* by Mom & Dad (posthumously)

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

7am (St. Louis Church) *Deceased Family Members* by Marc & Bern Michaud

Thursday, December 18, 2025

1pm (Crosswinds) *Alberie & Geneva Nadeau* by Paul & Helen Nadeau

Friday, December 19, 2025

2pm (Forest Hill) *Souls in Purgatory* by Parishioners

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4pm (St. Louis) *Yvette Michaud* by son, Denis
6pm (St. Charles) *Alva Jandreau* by Bev & Karen

Sunday, December 21, 2025 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

8am (St. Joseph) *For Deceased Family Members* by Ann Clavette (posthumously)
9am (St. Louis) *Nicholas Disy* by Serge & Laura Roy
11am (St. Mary) *For the People* by the Pastor



Holy Hour at St. Louis
has been moved to
December 14 for this
month.

!UPDATE!

We will be having
Mass on
**Monday &
Tuesday at 7:00
AM** in the **St.
Louis Church
Chapel** until Ash
Wednesday.

**Tags from the Giving Tree are
now available!**

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph: In memory of *Scott Guimond, Happy Birthday*
by Robert & Eva

St. Louis: In memory of *Conrad & Dale L. Voisine* by Family

Memorial Candles

St. Louis--Blessed Mother: To *St. Joseph, in Thanksgiving*
for New Home by the Belanger Family

Readings & Observances

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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Marriage Banns

Simon Caron & Vanessa Martin (I)



Rest in Peace

Andrew Ronald Thibeault--Fort Kent/Orono
(1967-2025)

Corrections from the Bulletin of 12/7/25

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13, 2025, 4pm (St. Louis) Zoel Morneault by the staff of St. John Vianney Parish.

Harvest Supper Donations

Rioux Farms, Corey & Andrea Rioux

Gilman Caron Farms & Family, Gilman Caron & Colette Caron

Apologies to those affected.

WINTER STORM PLANS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

STORM ON SATURDAY

SATURDAY MASS

- 4PM @ ST. LOUIS **ONLY!**

SUNDAY MASS

- 9AM @ ST. LOUIS
- 9AM @ ST. JOSEPH
- 11AM @ ST. CHARLES
- 11AM @ ST. MARY

STORM ON SUNDAY

SATURDAY MASS

- 4PM @ ST. LOUIS
- 4PM @ ST. MARY
- 6PM @ ST. CHARLES

SUNDAY MASS

- 6PM @ ST. JOSEPH
- 9AM @ ST. LOUIS **ONLY!**

THE DECISION TO USE THE STORM SCHEDULE SHALL BE MADE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

St. John Vianney Parish

OFFICE WINTER STORM HOURS

IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE:
834-5656.

St. John Vianney Parish

ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2025

TIME: 4:00PM

LOCATION: ST. LOUIS CHURCH
26 EAST MAIN STREET, FORT KENT ME

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of music, fellowship and making memories as we begin the Christmas season together!

Featuring:

St. John Vianney Cantors & Musician (Joanne Zafonte).

St. John Vianney Parish Youth & Adult Choirs.

Experience the message of Christmas

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SJVP Heating Costs

Fort Kent Ecumenical Food Pantry

We are seeking **baked goods** for the light reception following our Echoes of Christmas Concert. If you love to bake, your contribution would be greatly appreciated! We are also **gratefully accepting monetary donations** to help cover the costs of the concert.

Please stop by the **parish office** or call **(207) 834-5656** for more information.

Thank you for your generosity and support in making this event special.



Growing in Faith



Bible & Study Class
with Msgr. Labrie

For old Catholics, new Catholics, OCIA members & anyone else!

Starting Oct. 20th-May
6:30pm in the Parish Office
Conference Room



Seasonal Sips and Sustainable Tips



Whether you're off to a cozy gathering or a winter picnic, our reusable bags are here to carry your seasonal treats sustainably!

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ST. CHARLES FOOD PANTRY IN DECEMBER!

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INTERESTED IN BEING IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT?



OH COME LET US ADORE HIM!

TRY OUT WILL BE: TUESDAY DEC 2 @ 3:15-4:15*

REHEARSALS WILL BE: TUESDAY DEC 9 @ 3:15-4:15*

TUESDAY DEC 16 @ 3:15-4:15*

*FKES STUDENTS CAN RIDE THE BUS TO THE CHURCH IF THEY HAVE A BUS PASS. PICK UP WILL BE AT 4:15 AT THE CHURCH

IF AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED DUE TO SNOW, THE REHEARSAL WILL BE AT THE SAME TIME ON THURSDAY OF THAT WEEK

PAGEANT WILL BE:
CHRISTMAS EVE DURING 4:00 MASS

Rosary Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to recite the **Holy Rosary** on **Saturdays before the 4pm Mass.**

Please contact
Norma at
207-316-5656.
Thank you!

Catechists & Helpers Needed!

Help our Catholic Faith live on in our Children!



Call the Faith Formation Center for more information:
207-834-3984

St. John Vianney Parish

Christmas Reflection for OCIA Candidates

At Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of God made flesh—the Word dwelling among us in love and humility. For our OCIA candidates, this season is a reminder that Christ comes to meet us where we are, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him.

As you continue your journey toward the sacraments, may the joy of Christ's birth fill your heart with hope and peace. Just as the shepherds and wise men sought the newborn King, may you seek Him with trust and openness, knowing that He is guiding your steps.

Our parish family rejoices with you and prays for you during this holy season. May the light of Emmanuel—God with us—shine brightly in your life today and always.

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

Devotions, Explained! Our Lady of Guadalupe

The four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in December 1531, when Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to the Catholic faith, encountered a woman dressed as an Aztec princess on Tepeyac Hill in present-day Mexico City. The woman, who was pregnant, spoke to him in his native language. She identified herself as the Mother of God.

Over the next four apparitions, Our Lady requested that Juan Diego implore the local bishop to build a church on the hill, and performed miracles to prove her identity. Through one of the miracles, she imprinted her image onto Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak; the tilma bearing that image can still be viewed today at the basilica which now stands on the site of the apparition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated as the Patroness of the Americas, and she is beloved worldwide as a symbol of motherhood, faith and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

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"What is St. Joan of Arc's favorite Christmas carol?"



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"O, Holy Knight!"



St. Joan of Arc led the French to victory in 1429, a valiant soldier for Jesus. (Being French, she probably preferred French carols, though).

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<https://portlanddiocese.org/event/march-life-2026>



Register Online:
Full itinerary available



ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

FAITH FORMATION

RELEASE TIME PROGRAM
SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Release time program has begun!!!

SPONSOR A CHILD FOR THE RELEASE TIME PROGRAM

REGISTRATION FEE PER CHILD IS \$40

Would you like to contribute to a child's faith journey? Consider sponsoring/donating the registration fee to cover 1 child or 2 children or possibly more (a family). If you are fortunate enough to be able to extend that gift to someone or several individuals, it will be greatly appreciated and put to good use! This can be done by using the right side of this ticket and filling out the information and bringing in to rectory with the funds you'd like to be put towards the sponsorship of 1, 2 or more children.

If you have any questions please call 834-3984 Barb

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NAME:

PHONE NO:

- ☐ 1 child \$40
- ☐ 2 children \$80
- ☐ 3 children \$120
- ☐ \$_____ donation

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The **Catholic Co-op** for homeschoolers has received donations from the following groups: Knights of Columbus (Frenchville/St. Agatha); Daughters of Isabella/Madawaska Association Canado-American; Daughters of Isabella/Van Buren and Ladies of St. Anne/St. Agatha

Thank you so much for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

Christian Life Center: 444 US RT 1 Frenchville, ME 04745.

Call: 207-543-6193

If anyone wishes to send Fr. Alex a Christmas card, his new address is:

Fr. Alex Maria Doss
4521-194th Street
Flushing, NY 11358

Flu Season Reminder

Being sick or taking care of someone who is sick, is a valid reason to stay home.



CARS (County Area Ride)

Volunteer Drivers needed in the Fort Kent area to help people get to appointments and shopping. If interested or for more information, please call: **207-551-5672**.



Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings are held every Friday night from 7pm to 8pm at 23 University Drive, University of Maine at Fort Kent.



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