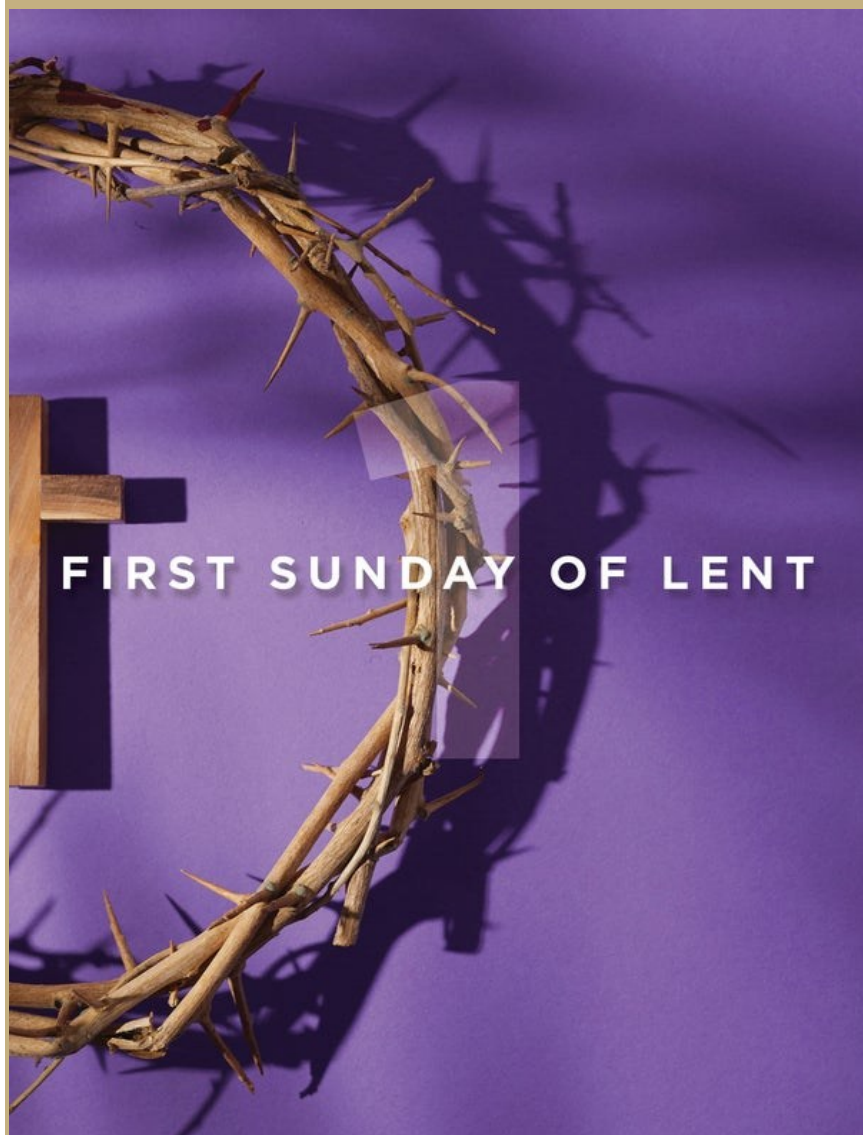


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Mass Schedule:

Sacred Hearts Church
165 South Main Street
Bradford, Massachusetts

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and
11:30 a.m.

Daily: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

St. Patrick Church

114 Center Street, Groveland, Massachusetts
Sunday, 10:15 a. m.

Daily: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.

The Chapel is open for prayer Monday
through Friday from
7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration: Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

Penance:

Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.,
IHM Chapel and upon request.

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Mission Statement for Sacred Hearts Parish

Sacred Hearts Parish exists to serve as a living testimony to Christ's presence within its faith community which is strengthened and nourished by a firm commitment to the Gospel values through prayer, worship, faith formation, and service.

Sacred Hearts Parish is on Facebook!  <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartsbradford/>
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POINTS TO PONDER**Reflect on Sunday's Readings**

Matt 4:1-11; L22A, Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19

- Lent draws us into desert with Jesus to encounter our own temptation and weakness. Where do you find consolation and strength amid the persistent allure of sin?
- What strikes you most about the serpent's interaction with the woman? Is there anywhere in your life that you recognize the desire to "be like [a god]?"
- As Jesus reminds us, *"One does not live on bread alone, / but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God"*. Where is God inviting you to trust more in his provision for you?



Next weekend, the 2026 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here at Sacred Hearts Parish and across our Archdiocese. As your pastor, I hope and encourage you to join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. As a parish, our participation in the Catholic Appeal signifies an important way that we can share Christ's promise, care, and love with others. For those who have already made a gift, please know that I am deeply grateful. We are hoping to have 100% participation from our parish! When we reach our Appeal goal of \$68,000.00, our parish will receive funds back for our local programs and ministries. To make an online gift, please visit: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Thank You

Fr. John

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 21, 2026

8:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 p.m. ~ Raymond Hileman

SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

7:30 a.m. ~ Joseph Milot

9:00 a.m. ~ Larry and Pauline Burke

10:15 a.m. ~ Lillian and Eugene O'Neil

11:30 a.m. ~ Daniel J. Trainor

MONDAY, February 23, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

TUESDAY, February 24, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Daniel J. Trainor

9:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant (SP)

WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Peter Keefe

THURSDAY, February 26, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

9:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

FRIDAY, February 27, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Richard M. Hayes and Mary E. Curran Hayes

SATURDAY, February 28, 2026

8:00 a.m. ~ John McNeil

4:00 p.m. ~ Carlos Luis Cueva

SUNDAY, March 1, 2026

7:30 a.m. ~ Ann MacDonald

9:00 a.m. ~ Timothy Michael King

10:15 a.m. ~ Katherine and William Olsen

11:30 a.m. ~ Ginny Bergeron

"Come, follow me...in love"

This weekend, we read about Jesus' perfect obedience to the Father, contrasted with Adam's disobedience. The greatest commandment we must obey, Jesus tells us, is to love. Thank you for participating in the Catholic Daughters' Diaper drive due this weekend. All diapers go to the St. Vincent de Paul diaper bank at St. James Parish.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY MASSES

Please join us Wednesdays in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel for a Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a time of Adoration and an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation until 7:30 p.m. The Wednesdays of Lent include: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25. March 18 will feature song & prayer.

“Come, follow me....”

Lenten reflections by Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate

Our minister of music, Scott Ness, introduced me to a song recently that gives a beautiful image for Lent. The lyrics are below, and I invite you to use it in meditating on how the Lord is calling you this Lent. This first Sunday of Lent, our readings come together to show us how the figures of Adam and Jesus are landmarks for the whole of humanity in our journey away from, and then back to, God. In Genesis 3, we read about Adam and Eve’s fall into sin as they gave into the temptation of the devil, disguised as a serpent. In Matthew 4, we hear the same story of temptation and facing the devil, only this time, Jesus is the star. And unlike Adam, he resists the devil’s tricks.

It is our reading from St. Paul to the Romans in our second reading that the two stories make sense together. Adam represents humanity’s fall away from the perfection for which God made us. Jesus represents humanity’s invitation to return to God, forgiven, redeemed, strengthened not by our own work, but by God himself, Jesus the Son. Romans 5:12 states, “Through one man, sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men.” Romans 5:19 offers the healing fulfillment of the story begun long ago: “For just as through the disobedience of the one man, the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.” That one is Jesus. This letter makes it clear that Jesus is the new Adam.

If you prefer a story with female leads, theologians also point out parallels with Eve and Mary. What Adam and Eve do, Jesus undoes through perfect obedience. Mary is also given a the gift of obedience through her son, in her immaculate conception. Though credit goes only to Christ for our salvation, Mary makes a fitting counterpart to Eve. The theme is clear: obedience. Standing strong in the face of temptation. But by *whose* strength are we able to resist? Surely not our own! Mary was only able to refrain from sin because God gave her the grace to do so. So, too, are we unable to do good on our own. Yet, when we cling to Christ, all is possible. And even when we do fail, all is forgiven. For 40 days, we do not say the word Alleluia. But when I imagine the good news just read, it’s all I can do to keep from singing it! The good news is what we celebrate at Easter. But we put it away these 40 days to confront the reality of evil and the seriousness of the struggle against it. Forgiven though we are, we need to continually ask God to renew our trust in him. We need to find new ways to make him the center of our lives.

So, how will you do that this year? Each of these six weeks of Lent, we are focusing on one particular word and asking how we can “Come, follow” the Lord in these ways. They are: **love, joy, respect, peace, mercy, hope**. Please meditate on our Lenten theme song as you ponder these themes and ponder how God is whispering to you this Lent: “Come, follow me.” *Come, Follow Me* by Gael Berberick. *Come follow me and live, do not be afraid. Believe and trust in me, your faith will give you strength. Leave all your fears behind you. Let your heart be free. For I will be your guide. Oh Come and follow me.*



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March 7-8 after all Masses, please support our confirmation students in raising money for "Wells of Salvation." Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit Cross Catholic Outreach's program that brings clean water to parts of Africa most affected by disease and death from thirst. Items are \$2 each. Cash only.

LENTEN EVENING OF SONG AND PRAYER



Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

6:00-6:30 p.m. Mass
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Meditative songs, adoration,
 & the opportunity for reconciliation

Join our parish musicians this Lent as we sing and play music during an hour of adoration, inviting it to speak to us the loving words of the Prince of Peace:

"Come, Follow Me..."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us each Friday during Lent to meditate on the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ:
 Fridays during Lent, 3:00 p.m., Sacred Hearts Church
 Fridays during Lent, 7:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church
 (February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27)

Please join us for a special *Good Friday* Stations of the Cross with elaborate prayers and music at
 12:00 noon, April 3, Sacred Hearts Church

BOOK STUDY/MINI RETREAT

Please join Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, and Wendy Buda for a book study session on the book distributed this past Christmas: Matthew Kelly's *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy*.

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Hearts Parish Hall

We will enjoy a simple supper of soup and bread and discuss this book. RSVP by calling the office or emailing lcorr@sacredheartsparish.com.



LENT FAMILY GATHERING

All families in the parish and school are invited to a time of breakfast, crafts, and prayer hosted by our Faith Formation program and youth group. Please contact Jillian Noonan to let her know you're coming:
jnoonan@sacredheartsparish.com.

Sunday, March 8 at 10:15 a.m.
Sacred Hearts School Gym

Join us for Mass During Lent.

Spend some time with God. Focus and dedicate your day in a great way!

7:00 a.m. Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Mondays through Fridays.

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church in Groveland on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

6:00 p.m. Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel Wednesdays.

8:00 a.m. Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel on Saturdays.

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SAVE THE DATE

***BIBLE STUDY***

Deacon Gil invites you to join a study of John's Gospel. Meetings are at Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the parish chapel, repeated on the following Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Questions:

gsullivan@sacredheartsparish.com

Did You Know?

Did you know that Easter is one of the Catholic Church's movable feasts? A movable feast is one that does not have a fixed date, but can occur on varying dates from year to year. It is actually the phases of the moon which help determine on what date Easter will be celebrated in any given year. The Church has decreed that Easter will be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the First Day of Spring. Scientists have determined that some years the vernal equinox falls on March 21st, but other years, it can fall on March 20th, or even March 19th, so for consistency's sake, the Church considers March 21st as the ecclesial First Day of Spring. Because of this determination, Easter must always fall somewhere from March 22nd to April 25th. This year, the first full moon after March 21st occurs on Wednesday April 1st,* so accordingly, we will celebrate Easter the following Sunday, April 5th...in the mid-range of dates! Next year, 2027, it will move to March 28th.


***TEEN BIBLE STUDY***

We are pleased with the success of our first teen Bible study, and even more pleased that teens at the parish want more! Teens are invited to join Dr. Elizabeth Woodard twice per month this winter/spring for a continued teen Bible study. All meetings take place on the following **Sundays, 6-7pm in the parish hall:**
March 1 & 15, April 12 & 26, May 3 & 17.
No RSVP necessary.





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SHS CHEERLEADING TEAM

The SHS Cheerleading team recently competed at the 3rd Annual Haverhill Cup Competition with other Haverhill Middle Schools. The team of twenty SHS Grade 4 through 8 students performed with strength, passion, unity and athleticism. The team also cheered on our SHS Hawks at all Haverhill Middle School Basketball games and led our school spirit at our recent Catholic Schools Week Pep Rally.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 22nd,
Sunday Classes resume Gr. K-8th meets at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Hearts School Gym
Bible Study- Women’s Bible study will meet in the school cafeteria during FF classes

Wednesday, February 25th
Wednesday Classes resume Gr. K-8th meets at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Hearts School Cafeteria

Sunday, March 1st,
Sunday Classes Gr. K-8th meets at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Hearts School Gym

REMINDER

If Haverhill Public School is canceled on a Wednesday, so are Faith Formation classes. Information will be sent via email and posted on our Facebook page.



The make up date for for First Reconciliation is 3/14/26 at 1:00 P.M.



All Faith Formation, Sacred Hearts School, and Parish families, please join us for food, faith, family and fun with crafts. Immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass, Sunday, March 8th. Please RSVP by March 1st for planning purposes. All are welcome!!
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