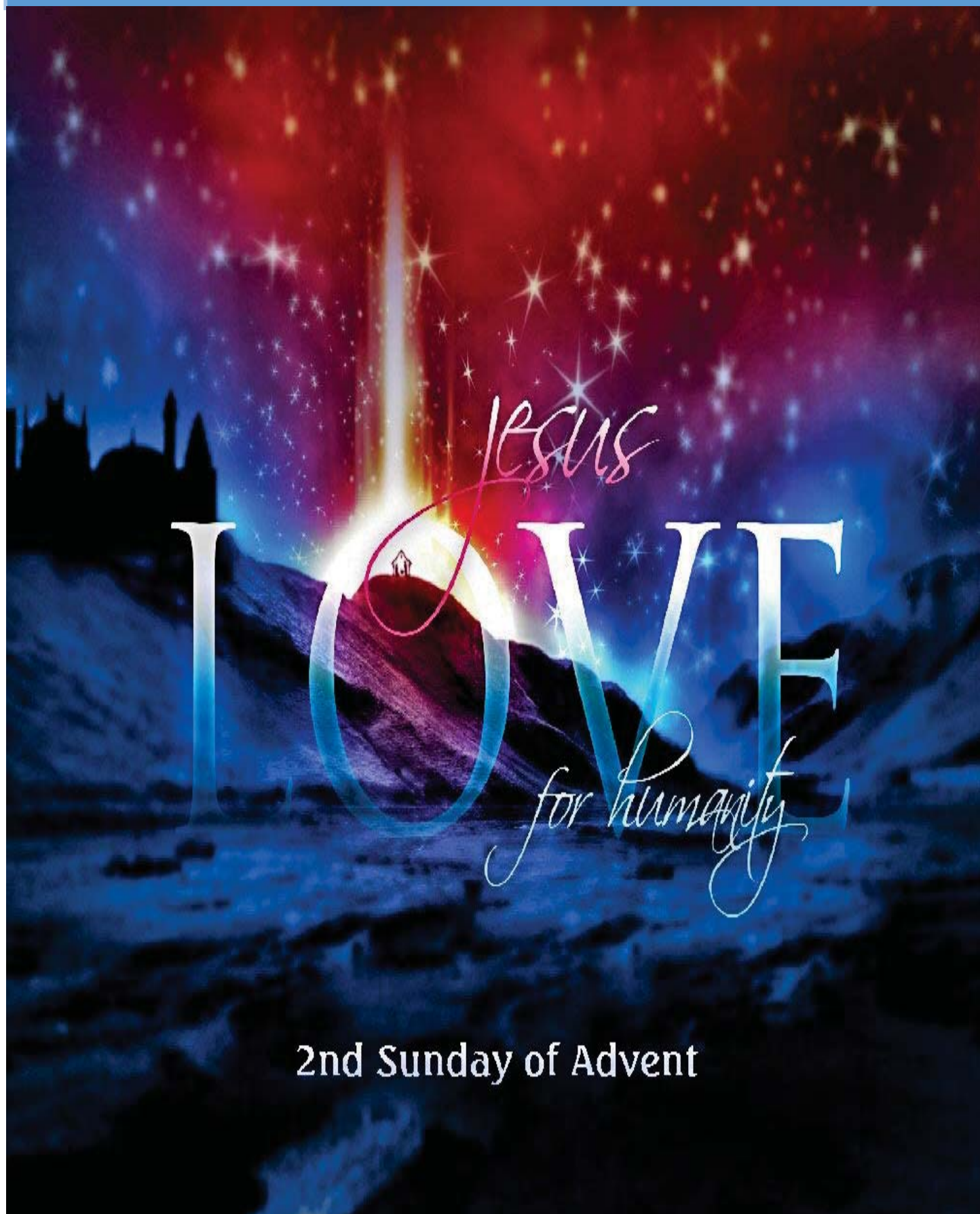


St. Charles Borromeo Parish Collaborative
December 08, 2024



2nd Sunday of Advent



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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Our Increased Giving Campaign and our Grand Annual Collection continue. Thank you for this sacrifice of your treasure to help us budget more clearly and secure our operating budget.

Financials for the week ending 11/24/2024

Offertory at Mass	\$	5974
Offertory Mailed	\$	2315
Total Offertory	\$	8289
Brazilian Dizimo	\$	1404

Thank you for your continued generosity. The 2024 Grand Annual letters have been mailed out to all registered households and are available at the entrances.

So far we have received \$14,880 which is 13% of our total of \$115,000. Thank you !



Upcoming Second Collections

Ongoing Grand Annual
12/08 Winter Needs
12/15 Education Fund
12/25 Clergy Benefit Trust

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Worship

MASSES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00pm, English, upper church (in the lower church in the Summer)
Sunday	8:00am, English, upper church 9:00am, Portuguese, lower church 10:00am, English, upper church 12:00pm, Spanish, lower church

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 11:30am in the lower church

MASSES LIVESTREAMING LINKS

- 10:00am English: on our website: scwoburn.org
- 9:00am Portuguese: Facebook.com [comunidade-catolicawoburn](https://www.facebook.com/comunidade-catolicawoburn)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/07 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Robert H McDonough 25th anniversary,
John Tighe

Sunday 12/08

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am Rita Deleskey 59th anniversary, Brophy &
Clark families– Brian, Kevin & Leo,
Fitzgerald family, Bill Donaghey, Deceased
members of the Pinto & D'Costa families

Monday 12/09 Immaculate Conception

8:45am

11:30am George & Ada McLaughlin & families

Tuesday 12/10

11:30am Margaret Upton,

Wednesday 12/11

11:30am John O'Doherty

Thursday 12/12

11:30am John Masiz

Friday 12/13

11:30am Sanctuary Fund

Saturday 12/14 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Faria family, Clem Spinazola

Sunday 12/15

8:00 am Caterina & Antonio Dattilo

10:00 am Jose & Maria Rodrigues

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Celebrated on the 3rd Sunday each month. To schedule, please contact the parish office.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least a year in advance.

Reconciliation: contact a priest.

Sacrament of the Sick/Care of the Sick & Elderly: Call the office to arrange a home or hospital visit or for the sacrament of the sick.

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays 7:30pm in the lower church.

Prayers for Peace in all hearts:

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the upper church

Rosary Group: Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the upper church, at the Parish Center grotto in good weather. during the months of May & October M-F at 6:30pm

Did you know that it's easy to book a Mass for your loved one?

Call the Parish Center office and we'd be happy to help you. The offering is \$10.

Sanctuary lamps are also available for \$15/week in the upper or lower church in memory of your loved one.

On Monday 12/09 the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and it is a holy day of obligation.

Holy day Mass times are:

8:45am School Mass

11:30am daily Mass

The "Hour of Grace for the World" is celebrated on December 8th every year, requested by the Blessed Mother under the title "Our Lady Rosa Mystica", The faithful are asked to pray for 1 hour beginning at 12:00pm.



Put aside all distractions and pray for 1 hour in atonement for sins of mankind and to receive many graces. Psalm 51 may also be used.

St. Charles School



Students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8 have been busy during art class preparing Charlie Brown and his gang to decorate the St. Charles School Christmas tree that will be showcased at the Festival on the Common on Saturday, November 30 through the month of December. Be sure to drop by and look for our tree!

Faith Formation

**CCD/Religious
Education News**



St. Charles Nativity Pageant

Calling All Children: Grades 1-8

Come be in our Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024 at the 4 p.m. Mass



The Nativity Pageant is a reenactment of the Christmas Story, the day Jesus was born.

Rehearsals:

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 5:05 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 5:05 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Place: St. Charles Church – upper church

(Children participating in the Nativity Pageant from the CCD program on Wed., Dec. 18 will be escorted over to the church after CCD Class. All other children will meet at the church.)

Sign Up by 12/9: Please email Joanne Campbell at faithformation@sccwoburn.com.
Put "Nativity Pageant" in subject area. Everyone will have a part!

CCD CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 16, Confirmation (10th grade) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. ----- Sunday, Dec. 22, 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Our next Family Mass – Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10:00 a.m. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Have a great week everyone. – Joanne Campbell/Director of Religious Education

Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We've started a multi community prayer shawl ministry at St Charles to service the needs of our beloved community members who may be sick, suffering, or seeking a bit of comfort and love.

Do you have a loved one or friend who could use a loving hug from our parish?
Would you like to be involved in this loving ministry?

Call the office for info : 781-933-0300 x 229



Annual CORI forms are due

Attention all ministers and volunteers: Your Annual 2024 CORI forms are available. They can be found outside the sacristy or in the Parish Office at the rectory.

Protecting God's Children is the priority of the Church and all ministers in ministry are required to be trained in *Protecting God's Children*.

A one time training for all volunteers is mandatory for Protecting God's Children.

Please visit Virtusonline.org to create an account and find training dates in our area under the Archdiocese of Boston.



St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent DePaul Society of Woburn provides assistance to families in need that live in our Woburn community. If you need help, or if you know of anyone who is in need of food, clothing, rent, utilities, or any essentials please contact SVdP at 781-404-5839.

If you wish to contribute monetarily our donation boxes are located in the upper and lower church. We also have SVdP envelopes available.

Your help will be a blessing for the less fortunate.
God bless you and thank you !



Your Spirit of Christmas gift cards benefit the families we help through St. Vincent de Paul. We greatly appreciate your generosity.
Thank you for all who contributed so generously to the gift cards being collected which will be distributed to families in need.



I am the Immaculate Conception

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of His Son was that She be conceived without Original Sin. Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God was redeemed from the moment of Her conception (CCC #491).

In anticipation that She was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of Her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch Her so that She would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the Virginal conception and birth of Jesus, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin, as its truth

In the course of time the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated as its truth, long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful, was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

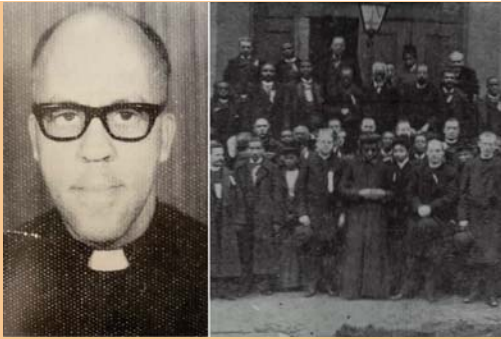
In 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed this Dogma infallibly and declared that this is to be accepted with faith by the entire Church.



Devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe

The devotions to Our Lady are numerous and hold deep significance for many faithful Catholics. Here are some common practices you can try:

- Novena:** Make a novena (a nine-day prayer) leading up to the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is celebrated on December 12th.
- Rosary:** Praying the Rosary, often with a specific focus on the mysteries of the Rosary in relation to Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Pilgrimage:** Visiting the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, where the original tilma is displayed or the Shrine in La Crosse, WI.
- Feast Day Celebrations:** Participating in Mass, processions, and cultural festivities on December 12th.
- Prayer:** Reciting traditional prayers dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, such as the ones at catholic.com.
- Offering Flowers:** Bringing flowers, especially roses, to statues or images of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a sign of respect and devotion.
- Votive Candles:** Lighting candles in front of her image while offering prayers and intentions.
- Artwork and Altars:** Creating home altars with images or statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and decorating them with flowers, candles, and other devotional items.
- Wearing Medals or Scapulars:** Using sacramentals such as medals or scapulars featuring the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a constant reminder of her presence and intercession.



A Black American priest who left his country because prejudice wouldn't allow him to practice his ministry in the United States is ironically the seventh and most recent African American to be considered for beatification. The Servant of God, born in 1918 as Matthias DeWitte Ward in Boston's Charlestown neighborhood to an interracial couple. He grew up as a Methodist. During his childhood, he, his parents and 11 siblings moved to Washington, D.C., where he experienced prejudice from both whites and blacks.

While a teenager in Washington, he was introduced to Catholicism, and he often found himself in the city's St. Augustine Church. While attending Mass with a friend at age 17, he decided to convert and was confirmed in St. Matthew Cathedral in 1940. Not long thereafter, he discerned a religious calling; and in 1942, he entered the Salvatorian Fathers' seminary in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, where he stayed until an infectious lung condition forced him to leave.

For uncertain reasons, he moved to Brooklyn. There, he was introduced to the Franciscan Conventual Friars Minor. At the time, most seminaries wouldn't take Black men, but the Conventual Franciscans accepted him into St. Francis Seminary on Staten Island, making him the first African American to join the order. The Conventual Franciscans saw no problem with his being black, and so he entered in late 1945, taking the religious name of Martin Maria de Porres to honor both the saint from South America and Our Lady, to whom he had a devotion. After completing initial studies on Staten Island, he transferred to St. Anthony-on-Hudson Major Seminary in Rensselaer, New York.

His conversion to Catholicism had alienated much of his family, but he found a surrogate family at St. Anthony-on-Hudson in his fellow religious and the people they served at nearby parishes. (It should be noted that Father Martin baptized his father on his deathbed.)

After ordination in nearby Albany, New York, in 1955, he volunteered to work with his order's Brazilian missions. This offer was accepted, as it was a common thing to do by Black American priests, since many of the era's U.S. bishops wouldn't allow them to serve in their dioceses.

His first assignment was in Andrelândia, Minas Gerais state, where he quickly learned Portuguese and began teaching school. Later, he would serve other cities such as Rio de Janeiro, become a pastor, serve as a chaplain to the Sacramentine Sisters of Our Lady, serve as his order's Director of Vocations and as a spiritual director, and teach as a Seminary professor. Indeed, his fellow friars described him as possessing "an engaging personality, who loved to laugh and get others to laugh. Living with him in community was a sheer delight."

"When Friar Martin shared his vocation story with those desiring to join the Order, he would talk about the difficulties he faced — the prejudice he faced because he was black, and being stricken with infectious pulmonary disease. He would then talk about how all the difficulties were overcome by faith in Divine Providence and devotion to the Immaculate Virgin to whom he consecrated his vocation.

On June 20, 1999, as he celebrated Mass, a heart attack struck him. He nonetheless continued at the altar until concluding the Mass. He was taken to a hospital in Rio de Janeiro, where he died two days later.

Buried at the São Francisco de Assis Seminary cemetery in Andrelândia, one can often find the faithful praying for his intercession at his tomb. His beatification cause gained local permission to begin from the Diocese of São João del Rei in 2020. It received Vatican approval to proceed in June of this year, the 25th anniversary of his passing. There were two miracles attributed to his intercession by 2022. These alleged miracles are being investigated.

Fr. Martin de Porres Ward, pray for us !

from an article taken from EWTN's National Catholic Register

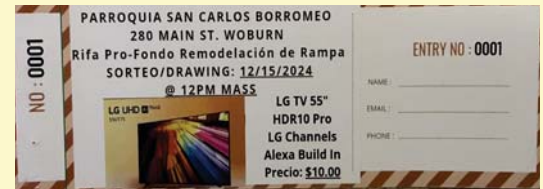


Our Spanish worshipping community opened the season of Advent with a retreat for all members last weekend, with prayer, adoration, and praise of God.

Happenings

Save the dates and mark your calendars

The Spanish community is selling raffle tickets for a **55" LG Television**. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Masses. The winner will be drawn on **December 15th at the 12:00pm Mass**. Proceeds benefit the handicapped ramp reconstruction project.



“Brass Tidings” Christmas Concert Saturday December 14th at 7:30pm, doors open at 7:00pm and we welcome the Bay Colony Brass Music Ensemble and the Merrimack Valley Bellringers. This will be a tremendous and uplifting Advent concert.



St. Charles Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday 12/24	4:00pm upper church
Tuesday 12/24	4:00pm lower church
Wednesday 12/25	Midnight upper church
Wednesday 12/25	10:00am upper church
Wednesday 01/01	11:30am Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (holy day)



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Local acupuncture clinic is treating the untreatable, peripheral neuropathy with incredible results!

Pain comes in many shapes and sizes. One of the most debilitating being the burning and tingling that comes with peripheral neuropathy. A disease that comes with years of shooting, stabbing pain that gradually ends in numbness, balance problems, and on occasion, amputations. A disease that was once classified as irreparable.

David R. of Waltham, MA was facing such a fate.

“I stopped golfing. I wasn’t taking walks on the beach with my wife. I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?”

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet. This causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow. Most peripheral neuropathy sufferers experience a heightened sensitivity to touch making it almost impossible for those diagnosed to even wear shoes, much less enjoy life.

“It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner.” shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

That is until he found Min Jeon of AWC|Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic of Burlington Massachusetts. Min and her staff have pioneered a cutting edge, medical solution to treat neuropathy, eliminate or greatly reduce its symptoms and give people their lives back. And they’re doing it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

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Success stories like David’s are not atypical for the staff at AWC. “We have a 90% success rate in treating neuropathy,” shares Min.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and vascular evaluation. So long as you have not sustained more than 85% nerve damage AWC offers hope where there once was none.

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