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December 4, 2022

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### LITURGIES AND DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Monday - Thursday.....7:30am

Monday-Thursday.....8:00am

Saturday:

Confession: .....3:30- 4:00pm

Vigil Mass.....4:30pm

Sunday Mass.....8:30 & 10:00am



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday's after the 10:00 AM Mass. For detailed information visit our parish website (olqmseekonk.org) and click on the "Sacraments" tab. Please contact the parish office at 508-399-8440 schedule an appointment.

**INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Adults expressing an interest in becoming Catholic are invited to search through our formation process which is from September through Pentecost. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Grades 1-9. First Eucharist is a two year program, grades 1 and 2. Confirmation is a two year program, grades 8 & 9.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to Fr. Cambra at least one year in advance of your intended date to allow adequate time for Parish and Diocesan Marriage preparation. For detailed information visit our parish website (olqmseekonk.org) and click on the "Marriage" tab.



The Church is Handicap accessible. The Elevator is located in the entrance facing the North School.

Restrooms and a Diaper Changing Station are located in the lower church hall.

### ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY

683 So. Main Street, Attleboro, MA

For lot information, call the Parish  
Office at 508-399-8440



### Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 12:00 Noon



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If you have been a victim of childhood sexual abuse please contact Carolyn Shipp (LICSW): at 508-985-6508 (confidential voicemail) or email [cshipp@dioc-fr.org](mailto:cshipp@dioc-fr.org)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent

DECEMBER 4, 2022



### Mass Intentions for the week



<b>Saturday</b>		<b>December 3</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Deceased Members of the Coleman & Carney Family	
<b>Sunday:</b>		<b>December 4</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	The People of the Parish	
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Cecile Boisclair	
<b>Monday</b>		<b>December 5</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Ann McNeil	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>December 6</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Rena Perry	
<b>Wednesday:</b>		<b>December 7</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Dolores Vieira	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>December 8</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	The People of the Parish	
<b>7:00 PM</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>December 10</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Ernest & Mary Gaudet	
<b>Sunday:</b>		<b>December 11</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Arthur Clark	
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Bill Foley	

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (ALWAYS A HOLY DAY)

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH,  
8:00 AM & 7:00 PM**



The collection taken up will benefit the apostolic works of the Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday, therefore our Christmas Mass schedule will be the same as our weekend Mass schedule.

**DECEMBER 24TH - CHRISTMAS VIGIL - 4:30PM**

**DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY  
8:30AM & 10:00AM**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember the following People

Ronald & Jessica Bergevine	Jean Simoneau	Zachary Almedia
Elena Carr	James Michalski	Donald Hebert
Lori Foley	Claire Leonard	Helen Stempka
Thomas Flynn	Paula Gagnon	Denise Anthony
Jorge Goulart	Keenan O'Melia	Maurice Trenteseaux
Albert Goudreau	Frances Cotton	Ruth Hanlon
Michael McFadden	Henry Rodrigues	James Cassidy
Claire Cinq-Mars	Robert Charbonneau	Richard Auclair, Sr.
Yvonne Wordell	Suzanne Silva	

Names may only be placed or removed by a family member by calling the parish office.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you need assistance, please call the help line of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-572-5335 for help or information.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Please print **CLEARLY** the names of loved ones you wish to have remembered this season on the Christmas Flower Memorial envelope and return as soon as possible. Donations received will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas season.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in honor of a loved one. The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of:

**SHIRLEY WUJCIK**

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant anniversaries (including first year) during 2022. This celebration will be held Sunday, 3:00 PM, February 12th, 2023 at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. Couples who would like an invitation, please call the parish office. Deadline is January 14, 2022.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

**November 27, 2022** Weekly Collection **\$6,221.00**

Expenses **\$8,416.09** Deficit **\$2,195.09**



#### Online Giving

Online Giving does allow you to make donations via your computer or smart device without the need for budget envelopes. The link to this option can be found on our website [olqmseekonk.org](http://olqmseekonk.org). Contributing to the weekly offertory ensures that we are able to keep our Parish Home spiritually and physically dynamic now and in the future.

We wish to thank those families and individuals who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your Parish still has financial responsibilities and your contributions are greatly appreciate.

**November 24th - 30th , 2022 \$863.00**

This weekends second collection is for **Utilities.**

Next weekends second collection is for **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

### **Diocesan Assessment**

Fiscal Year Diocesan Assessment **\$51,358.00**

Fiscal Year collected to date: **\$11,945.00**

Balance: **\$39,413.00**

### **ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our Annual Appeal request is underway. It is an essential part of our parish plan for our financial commitments. Please give what you can.

Additional envelopes and letters are available in the sacristy in hopes that those who are not registered will also show their appreciation that the Parish is here to serve them.

**To Date: \$16,980.00**

We are very grateful for all you do for our parish, especially the Annual Appeal.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions for the months of January, February, & March 2023 are available.

A \$20.00 donation is requested for all Mass Intentions.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**There is class this Sunday December 4th!**

**The next class is December 18th**

December 4th is the Second Sunday of Advent. The Giving/Kindness Manger Project is only just beginning. The importance of the Giving Manger is that it shifts the focus of families to giving and doing. So, let's fill that manger with lots and lots of straw!

Children should bring their kindness deeds (pieces of paper/straw and place them in the basket next to the manger before or after Mass. They will be glued on the manger after Mass. For the rest of the Advent season students are asked to place their pieces of straw in the basket every Sunday. We anxiously await the birth of Jesus as we fill his manger with straw.

When your child is going to be absent, **PLEASE** email [cgamache@olqmff.comcastbiz.net](mailto:cgamache@olqmff.comcastbiz.net). You will receive an email when your child's missed work is in the faith formation mailbox. Please try to return at the next class for credit.

If not, the class is considered an absence.

I am **still** looking for a volunteer to assist in the Confirmation I class. There are 8 classes left. Perhaps you can do one or two of the classes! The class is held from 11-12:30 2 times a month. If anyone would like to help out, please email Mrs. Gamache

Many of our children and youth have been "signing in" for weekend Mass. This is part of our new Mass attendance policy. Sign-in sheets are located at each of the doors of the church. Children and youth are asked to sign their name and level when they come to Mass (either before or after Mass). This is a sign of your commitment and gives some accountability. Your cooperation is appreciated. If you attend Mass at another church, please bring a bulletin from that church. Thank You.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)**

**DECEMBER 4TH & 18TH , 10AM MASS**



### **TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

As of now the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 23th at 11:30AM.

**THIS IS ONLY A TENTATIVE DATE. IT MAY CHANGE.**



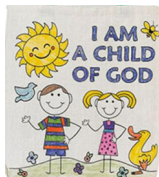
### **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

will take place on Sunday, April 16th, 2023 at 11:30 AM.



### **PRAYER GROUP**

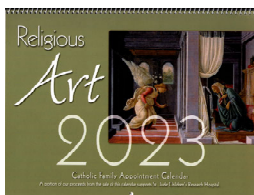
The Prayer group meets once a month on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30pm in the Parish Life Center. Please come join us for prayer, scripture, music, teaching, sharing, caring support and prayer for sick families and friends. The Next meeting will held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.



**Liturgy Bags** are available at the front entrance of the church for children ages 3 to 7 to learn more about different parts of the Mass and enhance the weekly gospels. Parents will find bags filled with worship-appropriate items to use during the service.

**PLEASE RETURN THE BAGS AFTER MASS** so we can replenish supplies for the following week.

The Parish Council will meet  
on Tuesday, December 13th  
at 6:30pm in the  
Parish Life Center.



### **PARISH CALENDARS**

Calendars for 2023 are located at the entrances of the church for you to take.

Our Parish Calendars are generously donated by Duffy-Poule Funeral Home in Attleboro and are very much appreciated

### **MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS, SERVERS & GREETERS**

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022 HAS BEEN EMAILED OR POSTAL MAILED TO YOU. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVE ONE, CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND ONE WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

THE SCHEDULE IS ALSO POSTED ON OUR  
**WEBSITE: OLQMSEEKONK.ORG**

UNDER MINISTRIES



### **GIVING TREE!**

Once again, we will be teaming up with St. Vincent de Paul Parish to provide gifts for the clients of their Food Pantry. They will be collecting gifts for children and we will be collecting warm clothing, toiletries, blankets, etc. for the adults. and donations for fuel assistance for our neighbors in need. **(FOR FUEL ASSISTANCE PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY).**

If you would like to participate, please take a tag/tags from one of the trees and purchase that item/items.

All gifts must be brought to church (in bags please-**no boxes**) by **Sunday, December 17th.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### **Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem**

Next weekend December 10th & 11th our brothers and sisters representing the Christian Catholic families of Bethlehem will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy land, who depend on tourist, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also gives you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also help to your personal devotion.

**Steve Menard** a long time Parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs needs our help. Steve was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease (FSGS) Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis a decade and a half ago. Unfortunately a battle with Covid accelerated the damage to his kidney, and he now has to begin dialyses. He has been added to a transplant waiting list.

We are reaching out to friends, family and even to kind strangers to see if anyone would consider being a kidney donor. Even if you are not a blood match you could help Steve enter into a Kidney swap.

For More information visit  
**[www.mghlivingdonor.org](http://www.mghlivingdonor.org)**



Advent Project for all who wish to participate.  
The Giving Manger.  
See information below!



This year we are offering to the Parish a project called the "Giving Manger." There will be a manger bulletin board located in the church. The goal is to fill the manger with straw or in our case slips of straw-colored paper. On the paper the children, Mom's, Dad's, brothers, sisters; **well, everyone**, can write down on pieces of straw (yellow paper) each time they do a kind deed. This paper straw will be laid (glued) in the manger. The goal is to create the softest bed for baby Jesus when he arrives on Christmas morning! This project will prompt children and students, **everyone** to look for ways to love and serve each other. There are two baskets at this project: one with blank straw (yellow paper) and one to receive the written straw to be glued on to the manger.

Here is an opportunity to participate in making the manger the softest bed for Jesus! As all work together to fill the manger with straw, hearts will feel the joy and contentment that comes, not from wish lists and getting, but from giving and loving others.





## SERVICE IDEAS

### FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Leave a letter in a library book.
- Bake dessert for a neighbor.
- Pick up litter at the park.
- Set the table for dinner.
- Clean up your room without being asked.
- Compliment a friend.
- Write thank you notes for your mail carrier.
- Donate outgrown clothes.
- Invite someone to play at the playground.
- Make someone else's bed.
- Pass out stickers to kids waiting in line.
- Help make dinner.
- Talk to someone new at school.
- Wash someone's car.
- Sweep leaves or shovel snow for a neighbor.
- Hug someone who is sad.
- Bring flowers for your teacher.
- Wash the windows.
- Write a note to someone you love.
- Empty the dishwasher.
- Take treats to the fire station.
- Tell someone thank you.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Play with your siblings.
- Share your favorite toy with a friend.
- Pass out candy canes.



## SERVICE IDEAS

### FOR OLDER CHILDREN

- Walk dogs at the animal shelter.
- Babysit for free.
- Check in on an elderly neighbor.
- Wrap presents for someone.
- Wave at kids on school buses.
- Plan and prepare a meal for your family.
- Tape change to a parking meter.
- Clean up a sibling's room.
- Comfort a friend going through a hard time.
- Organize or clean out the junk drawer.
- Bring your neighbors' garbage cans up for them.
- Collect toys to donate to a local shelter.
- Take care of someone's pet.
- Forgive someone who offended you.
- Leave kindness stones at the park.
- Clean the house without being asked.
- Candy bomb cars in a parking lot.
- Smile at people in the hall at school.
- Tell the principal how great your teacher is.
- Turn off your phone for a couple hours.
- Write a card to a friend or relative who lives far away.
- Call your grandparents and ask them about their childhood.
- Help someone with homework.
- Pay a sincere compliment.
- Vacuum out your parents' cars.
- Help someone load groceries at the store.

## SERVICE IDEAS

### FOR FAMILIES

- Donate food to the food pantry.
- Offer an apology you owe.
- Stuff socks with supplies and give to homeless.
- Give spare change to the food pantry.
- Send dessert to another family at a restaurant.
- Go caroling around your neighborhood.
- Pay for the person behind you in a drive-thru line.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- Write a note for someone's lunch.
- Donate used clothes to a shelter or thrift store.
- Say hello to everyone you see.
- Make baby baskets for the NICU.
- Bring lunch to a new mom.
- Pray for someone in need.
- Tell someone how much you love him or her.
- Donate blood.
- Read a book to your children.
- Let someone go in front of you in line.
- Make a meal for someone who is sick.
- Offer to take a picture for tourists.
- Collect books to donate to a local shelter.
- Forgive yourself for any mistakes you've made.
- Leave a note on a family member's pillow.
- Call a friend you haven't talked to in a while.
- Say thank you to the bagger at the grocery store.
- Clean up a mess you didn't make.





# Make a straight path for the Lord



2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

At each bend in the road  
write down something that  
you are sorry for doing.

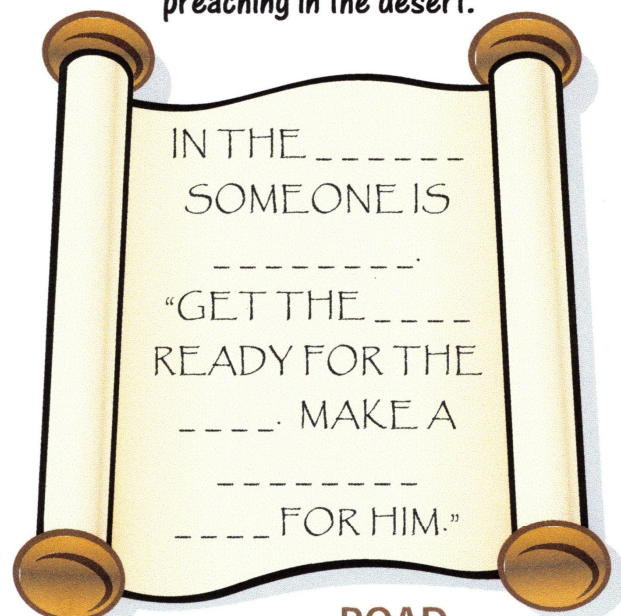
## Gospel Mt 3:1-9, 11

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Use the words below to complete Isaiah's prophecy which tells of John the Baptist preaching in the desert.



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STRAIGHT LORD PATH  
SHOUTING DESERT



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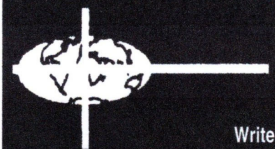
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