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Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00 AM (Spanish)

Weekends: Monday & Wednesday 6:00 PM (Chapel) English Mass

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM (Chapel) English Mass

Friday: 6:00 PM (Church) English Mass Tuesday: 6:00PM (Church) Spanish Mass

Holy Days: 4:00PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the rectory in advance for instruction

Sacraments of Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Devotions: Rosary each weekday morning immediately after Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: from September to May from 12:30PM to 3:45PM

Welcome to NEW Parishioners: Please introduce yourself after Mass. We want to know you and serve you. We hope you become an active member of our parish...



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Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday (6:00PM-chapel)

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM (chapel);

Friday: 6:00PM (English-church)

** Tuesday : 6:00PM (Spanish)

Mass (Spanish) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (6:00AM – chapel)

Sacrament of Baptism:: Sunday: Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:30PM

Instruction for parents and godparents are held by appointment with the pastor.

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, DECEMBER 16th

4:00PM†Eunice Houle.....by Paul & Angie & Jeffrey
†Gordon North.....by St. Francis Parishioners

Sunday, DECEMBER 17th 3rd Sunday of ADVENT

9:00AM†Lucie Genzy (101 B'day).....by
Maureen & Bob & Jeff & Paul Merrill
†William Landry Painter...by M/M Alphonse Pagnotto
11:00AM†Felipe Cruz (9 moth)Pedro Cruz & fam.
†Lydia Ortiz (5th Ann)....by Maria Guzman & fam.

Monday, December 18th

6:00PM†

Tuesday, December 19th

8:00AM†Gordon North.....by Georgette & Louise Morin

6:00PM†Alragracia Atez.....by the family

Wednesday, December 20th

6:00PM†

Thursday, December 21st

8:00AM†Theresa Marbleby Donald Marble Sr.

Friday, December 22nd

6:00PM†Gordon & Carol North.....by
St. Francis Parishioners

Saturday, DECEMBER 23rd

4:00PM†Domenic & Rose PagnottoM/M Alphonse
Pagnotto

Sunday, DECEMBER 24th 4th Sunday of ADVENT

9:00AM†

11:00AM†For the people

“Share Your Table with Love”



food ...”

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of DECEMBER: tuna, canned meat, Mac-Cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, baked beans, potatoes, Ramen soups, THANK YOU for your donations. “When I was hungry you gave

Thank you



“In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.” John 1:4

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit in memory of Margaret Parish.



A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit in memory of Altagracia Atez requested by Sandra.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for Peace and understanding in the world.



Parish Support

Dec. 9/10

Offertory: \$1,749.00

Fuel: \$90.0

maintenance:\$10.00

Religious Fund \$440.00

Christmas flowers:\$92.0

Immaculate Conception:\$1,295.0

Others:\$57.4

Total: \$3,723.40

“Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given” St. Francis of Assisi

FORTH SUNDAY of ADVENT and CHRISTMAS this year

The Season of Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when our minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent begins at the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, December 23rd and ends on Sunday, December 24th at noon.

The Solemnity of Christmas (the Birth of Christ) will begin with the VIGIL of Christmas at 4:00PM Mass on Sunday, December 24th and the Christmas Mass DAY at 9:00AM on Monday, December 25th.

Christmas Mass Schedule

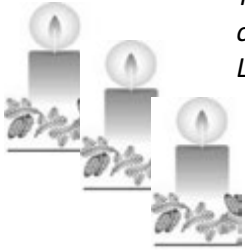
Sunday, Dec. 24th4:00PM (Vigil) English (Christmas Pageant)

Monday, Dec. 25th9:00AM (Christmas Day) English

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

If you have children (all ages) that would like to participate on our annual Christmas Pageant (Christmas VIGIL Mass), they are welcome. Please call Yesenia as soon as possible (978) 342-3521 and leave your name and telephone number.





The Third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word which means "rejoice." This theme of rejoicing is echoed in today's second reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians- "Rejoice always." Also our response to the psalm is about rejoicing- "My soul rejoices in my God."

As we listen to the Gospel of Saint John this weekend, we hear about the great Advent prophet of John the Baptist. His entire life and mission were caught up in preparing his generation for the coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist was not sure when the Messiah would come, however, he felt a call from God to preach repentance of sin marked by a baptism with water. So firm was John's faith in the coming Messiah that he would give his life for it.

At our Baptism, each of each of us was also anointed. As the sacred Chrism was placed upon our heads, the words "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so you may live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life," were spoken. We become Christ-like through this great sacrament of Baptism. Reflecting upon this of our sacramental heritage and in light of the readings for this weekend, we can each discover our own call as a Christian in the world.

As Christ's disciples in this world, we are to act for Him in our world – liberating, freeing, forgiving, and loving. We can do this daily: in a kind word, lending a helping hand, assisting the needy, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or perhaps including an elderly friend or relative in our celebration of Christmas. These are some ways we can invite Christ to come among us today. In doing such things, we are also preparing the world for Christ's second coming at the end of time. We have a mission - a vocation. Like saint John the Baptist, may we be faithful witnesses, serving Christ in all we say and do. Therefore, During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst and at the same time we prepare ourselves as we remind ourselves that the Lord will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day of the Lord.



Sing & Praise



My soul rejoices in my God!



Hymns: Third Sunday of ADVENT

Processional: #293 "O come, o come Emmanuel"

Offertory: #423 "The king of glory"

Communion #519 "I am the living bread"

Recessional #300 "People look East"

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for the soul of Phyllis Mason, Margaret Paris, Altagracia Atez, and for the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. AMEN.



Christmas MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Donations and names of loved one are now being accepted for our annual Christmas MEMORIAL FLOWERS. Please submit names and donations for Christmas MEMORIAL Flowers using the envelopes received in your monthly package or using envelopes in the back of the church. Please submit the names and offerings no later than Sunday, Dec. 10th. THANK YOU!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Every year we support our Religious Education children for Christmas. Some of our kids are coming from very poor families and we are trying to support them as much as possible to continue growing up in faith and being part of our community. We are asking your generosity again!

Please, consider taking an ornament (tag with name & age) and buy a gift. Please, return the ornament and the gift unwrapped by **Sunday, Dec. 10th**.

We will be celebrating a Christmas Party for all kids on **Sunday, Dec. 17th** at the Religious Education Center (CCD). THANK YOU!!!



Happening at St. Francis of Assisi

*Sunday, Dec. 17th9:00AM....Mass
10:00AM..... CCD ...center.*
Monday, Dec. 18th 6:00PM Masschapel....
Tuesday, Dec. 19th ...8:00AM....Mass....chapel
Wednesday, Dec. 20th6:00PM ...Mass...chapel
Thursday, Dec. 21st8:00AM.... Mass....chapel
*Friday, Dec. 22nd1:00PM....Food Pantry.....
 ...6:00PM....Mass....church*
*Saturday, Dec. 23rd Adoration Blessed Sacrament ...
 12:30PM ...3:45PM*

Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass and Rosary Procession
 Thursday, December 28, 2017
 On **Thursday, Dec. 28, 8:30AM**, Blessed Sacrament Parish will offer Mass and a Rosary Procession on the Feast of the Holy Innocents beginning at 8:30 am. At 9:15 a Prayerful procession reciting the Rosary will take place to the abortion clinic and by 10:30 return to Church praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Join with others from the Worcester Diocese as we pray for the Holy Innocents, for babies lost to abortion and for all unborn babies and for their moms and dads. Located at 551 Pleasant St., Worcester.

FUEL FUND *Winter is coming soon!*
We encourage you to consider a donation to our FUEL FUND to help us to defray the bills for fuel during the winter season. THANK YOU!

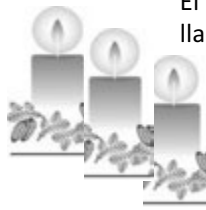


*Behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
 and the Lord will make the glory
 of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

Music for ADVENT at St. John's in Clinton, MA
 Please join us on Gaudete Sunday, December 17th at 5PM for the next installment of our Sacred Music Series, as we welcome back one of the country's most gifted Catholic musicians, David Hughes. Joined by our music director, Marc DeMille, he will present a program of hymns, chants and organ music for the season of Advent. Come and rejoice that Christmas is near! As always, admission is free and families are welcome. The church is located at 80 Union St. (Routes 62 and 70) in Clinton and is ramp accessible.



TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



El Tercer Domingo de Adviento también se le llama Domingo Gaudete. Gaudete es una palabra latina que significa "regocijarse o alegrarse". El tema del regocijo se repite en la segunda lectura de hoy de la segunda carta de san Pablo a los Tesalonicenses: "Vivan alegres siempre". También nuestra respuesta al salmo se trata de regocijo: "Se alegra mi espíritu en Dios mi salvador." Mientras escuchamos el Evangelio de San Juan este fin de semana, escuchamos sobre el gran profeta de Adviento de Juan el Bautista. La vida y misión de Juan el Bautista fue para ir preparando a su generación para la venida del Mesías. Juan el Bautista no estaba seguro de cuándo vendría el Mesías, sin embargo, él sintió un llamado de Dios para predicar sobre el arrepentimiento del pecado cuando bautizaba con agua. Tan firme era la fe de Juan en la venida del Mesías que daría su vida por este llamado de Dios.

Cuando fuimos Bautizados, también cada uno de nosotros fue ungido. Cuando el sagrado crisma fue puesto sobre nuestras cabezas, las siguientes palabras fueron dichas "tal como Cristo fue ungido Sacerdote, Profeta y Rey, para que puedas vivir siempre como un miembro de su cuerpo, y compartas la vida eterna." De esta manera nos convertimos en ungidos semejantes a Cristo a través de este gran sacramento del Bautismo. Reflexionando un poco de nuestra herencia sacramental y a la luz de las lecturas de este fin de semana, cada uno de nosotros puede descubrir su propia llamada o vocación como cristiano en el mundo. Como discípulos de Cristo en este mundo, debemos actuar en nombre de Él en nuestro mundo de hoy, bien sea, perdonando y amando. Podemos hacer esto a diario: en con unas palabras amables, ayudando a los necesitados, alimentando a los hambrientos, visitando a los enfermos, o quizás ayudando a un amigo o pariente a venir a la Misa de Navidad. Estas son algunas maneras en las podemos invitar a Cristo a venir entre nosotros hoy. Al hacer tales cosas, también estamos preparando al mundo para la segunda venida de Jesucristo al final de los tiempos. Tenemos una misión, una vocación. Tal como san Juan el Bautista, que todos seamos testigos fieles, sirviendo a Cristo en todo lo que decimos y hacemos. Por lo tanto, durante el Adviento, oramos para que podamos reconocer la presencia de Jesucristo en medio de nosotros y al mismo tiempo nos preparamos nosotros mismos recordando que el Señor vendrá nuevamente para cumplir la promesa de la salvación. Por lo tanto, oramos para que continuemos firmes mientras esperamos ese gran día del Señor.

CLASES para hacerse Ciudadano de Estados Unidos de America. CLASES se estaran ofreciendo en: Worcester: comenzando en Enero 27, en Santa Juana de Arco, 570 Lincoln Street, Lunes, 6 -8 PM, and en Caridades Catolicas, 10 Hammond Street, los Jueves, from 6 - 8 pm o Viernes de 9 - 11 am. Para mas información: llame a Maddy Hennessy at 508-860-2261 or email at mhennessy@ccworc.org.

Servicios en Español durante la Semana

MISAS en Español.

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles y Jueves a las 6:00AM (capilla)

MISA en Español....Martes, a las 6:00PM en la iglesia

Clases de Biblia....Miércoles a las 7:00PM en la Capilla

Circulo OraciónViernes a las 7:00PM en la Capilla

HORA SANTA....Sábados6:00PM en la Capilla

MISAS de AQUINALDO



Ha sido la tradición hispana celebrar una novena de Misas temprano en la mañana en sacrificio de preparación espiritual para la Celebración del Nacimiento de Cristo



PROGRAMA MISAS AGUINALDO

Lunes, 18 DICIEMBRE....6:00AM...capilla

Martes, 19 Diciembre....6:00AM...capilla

Miércoles, 20 Diciembre...6:00AM...capilla

Jueves, 21 Diciembre6:00AM...capilla

Viernes, 22 Diciembre.....6:00AM....capilla

Sábado, 23 Diciembre.....6:00AM....capilla

El ADVIENTO y la NAVIDAD este año

El tiempo de Adviento tiene una doble función: es el tiempo de la preparación para la Solemnidad de la Navidad



(Nacimiento de Jesucristo) en la cual celebramos la Primera Venida del Hijo de Dios a la humanidad y del mismo modo nuestras mentes y corazones se preparan para la Segunda Venida de Jesucristo en su gloria al final del tiempo.

Este año el Cuarto Domingo del Adviento comienza con la Misa de las 4:00PM el Sábado, 23 de Diciembre y terminara el Domingo 24 de Diciembre con la Misa de las 11:00AM. La Solemnidad de la Navidad (Nacimiento de Cristo) comenzara con la Misa de las 4:00PM (Vigilia) Ingles y la Misa del DIA de NAVIDAD el LUNES 25 de Diciembre a las 11:00AM

Programa Misas de Navidad

Domingo, Dic. 246:30PM (Vigilia) Español
(Drama de Navidad)

Lunes, Dic. 2511:00AM (Día Navidad)Español



Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

Lunes 18 /DICIEMBRE

Monday, DEC. 18

Profeta Jeremias //Jeremiah 23: 5-8 Salmo//Psalm 72
San Mateo //Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Martes 19// Diciembre

Tuesday, DEC. 19

Jueces //Judgs 13: 2 - 25 Salmo//Psalm 21
San Lucas // Luke 1: 5 - 25

Miércoles, 20/ Diciembre

Wednesday, DEC. 20

Profeta Isaías //Isaiah 7: 10 - 14 Salmo//Psalm 24
San Mateo //Matthew 1: 26 - 38

Jueves 21// DIC.

Thursday, DEC. 21

Profeta Sofonias//Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18 Salmo//Psalm 33
San Lucas// Luke 1: 39 - 45

Viernes 22// DEC.

Friday, DEC. 22

1 Samuel // 1 Samuel 1: 24 - 28 Salmo// Psalm 1
San Lucas // Luke 1: 46 - 56

Saturday, 23// Dec.

Saturday, DEC. 23

Profeta Malaquias//Malaki 3: 1 - 24 Salmo//Psalm 25
San Lucas //Luke 1: 57 - 66

Domingo 24// DICIEMBRE

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

2 Samuel // 2 Samuel 7: 1 - 16

Salmo//Psalm 89

Romanos // omanos 16: 25 - 27

San Lucas // Luke 1: 26 - 38



GRACIAS! A todas las FAMILIAS que

RECIBIERON la NOVENA a la VIRGEN de GUADALUPE

GRACIAS a todas las personas que colaboraron con la Novena y la Fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, olas decoraciones en el hall y la Iglesia.

Gracias especialmente a:

Isabel Becerril, Divina Morales, María Velásquez, Petra Pureco, José Becerra, Gaudencio Pureco, Jaime Brambila y muchas otras amables personas.



ATENCION: CLASES para BAUTISMO

Para Padres y Padrinos

SABADO ENERO 6 /// 2017 1:00PM (Centro)

NOVENA de las POSADAS

Las posadas al NIÑO DIOS serán llevadas a cabo comenzando desde el **Sábado 16 de**

DICIEMBRE hasta el **Sábado 23 de**

Diciembre en la Capilla del Centro a las

7:00PM. Vengan todos a rezar el Santo Rosario y a cantar himnos al Niñito Dios.

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