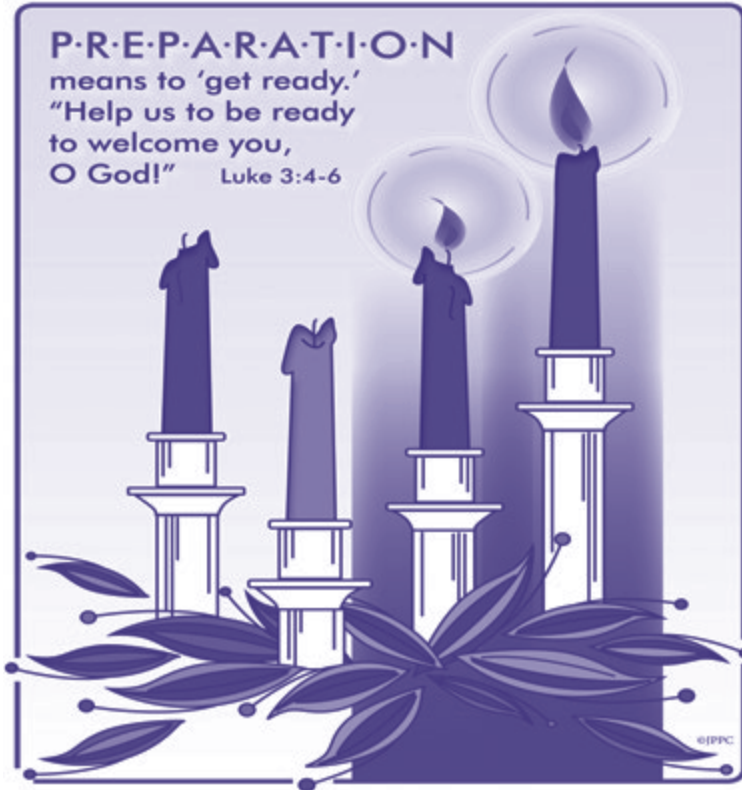




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PARISH OFFICE : Monday-Wednesday: 9:00am - 3:00pm



THE LORD'S DAY/ DÍA DEL SEÑOR

Vigil Saturday Mass:

4:30pm (English).

Sunday Mases

8:00am, 10:00am & 5:30pm (English),

12:00pm (Español) 2:00pm (Twi).

WEEKDAY MASS /MISAS EN SEMANA

Monday - Thursday: 9 am (English).

Martes: 6:30 pm (Español).

3rd Wednesday of the month:

3 pm Worcester Health Center

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Wednesday of the month: 9:30am to 12:00pm.

Fridays from 10am—3pm / Todos los Viernes de 10am-3pm. Includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet/
Incluye el Rosario de la misericordia.

Hora Santa:

1er Martes de cada mes: 5:15pm

Bilingual Healing Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Saturday of the month 9:00am.

Parish Administration/Administración:

Welcome! If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself after Mass to a member of our staff, so we may better serve you.

¡Bienvenidos! Si eres nuevo en nuestra parroquia, por favor presentate después de la Misa a un miembro de nuestro staff para poderte servir mejor.

Parish Office Hours: Our office opens Monday to Wednesday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The office is closed Thursday, Fridays, weekends, and holidays.

Horas de la Oficina: Nuestra oficina abre de Lunes a Miércoles de 9:00am a 3:00pm. Los Jueves, Viernes, fines de semana y días festivos la oficina esta cerrada.



Saturday/Sabado: December 8th:

**4:30pm + John Gouley
+ Joseph Grangre**

Sunday/Domingo: December 9th:

**10:00pm + Kathleen Waltz
12:00pm + Javier Pagan Rivera
+ Geovani Vega**

Tuesday/Martes: December 11th:

6:30pm + Geovani Vega

Thursday/Jueves: December 13th:

4:30pm + Sandra Kacavish

Please consider calling our office for a Mass intention for your needs, for your loved ones, and for the faithful departed. It is our Christian duty and privilege to offer sacrifices for ourselves and for others. (living and dead).



VIGIL CANDLE
For Antoinette Raddi
\$ 10 for 2 weeks

READINGS IN THE “RITUAL SONG”

In our new Missal, “Ritual Song,” there is a “Lectionary”, that contains the readings for cycles A, B & C. This year, we are using cycle C. The reading for this Second Sunday of Advent is # 1093.

**WELCOME!
¡BIENVENIDOS!
AKWAABA!**

**Worship & Prayer
Adoración y Oración**

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/
Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento:**
First Wednesday of the month/Primer
Miércoles del mes. 9:30 AM - 12:00pm.

**Spanish Holy Hour/ Hora Santa en
Español:** First Tuesday of the month/
primer Martes del Mes. 5:15pm—6:15pm

Fridays/Viernes
**Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet /
Adoración y Rosario de la Divina
Misericordia. 10am-3:30pm**

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario
Monday to Thursday/ Lunes a Jueves
8:30 am

**Novena to the Miraculous Medal/Novena
a la Medalla milagrosa**
Wednesday/ Miércoles 9:30am

**Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Rosario de la
Divina Misericordia**
Thursday/ Jueves 9:30am

**Adoration, Sacred & Immaculate Heart
devotion & Healing Mass**
**Adoración, devoción al Sagrado y al
Inmaculado Corazón & Misa de sanación**
First Saturday of each month / Primer
Sábado del Mes 9:00am to 11:00am

**Prayer Line, Mass Intentions & Mass
Cards / Línea de oración, Intenciones de
Misa & Tarjetas de Misa:** Please call the
office or visit us with the prayer request /
llama a la oficina o visitanos para anotar tu
intención.

The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 8th
5:30pm-Christmas Party-ARC

Sunday, December 9th
8:30-9:45am-CCD (Bilingual)-Hall
10:00-11:45am- First Communion(Bilingual)
10:00-11:50am-RICA (Bilingual)
Youth Gr.-ARC

Monday, December 10th
Food pantry
6-8:30pm - Ghanaian Charismatic
Group- Church
7:00pm- Apocalipsis- Hall
6-9pm- Basketball- ARC

Tuesday, December 11th
10am- Al Anon- Hall
5-7pm Food Pantry
5-7pm- Homework Center-ARC
7-9pm- Basketball- ARC

Wednesday, December 12th
7:30-9:30pm-GVB Health Center-ARC
9am- St. Vincent De Paul Diocese-BWR
5-7pm- Food Pantry
7-9pm- Ghanaian Prayer Gr.- Church
Basketball

Thursday, December 13th
6:30-8:30pm-Juan XXIII-Hall
7pm- Choir Rehearsal-Church

Friday, December 14th
10am-3:30pm- Adoration-Church
6:30-8:30pm-Grupo de Oración-Hall

Saturday, December 15th
9-12pm-CCD Retreat-Hall
1-5pm-Ghanaian Meeting-BWR
5:30pm-Jolgorio-ARC

Sunday, December 16th
8:30-9:45am-CCD (Bilingual)-Hall
10:00-11:45am- First Communion(Bilingual)
10:00-11:50am-RICA (Bilingual)
5:30pm-Confirmation Class.-ARC

Final day to return Giving Tree Gifts

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Nelson Rivera, Pastor/Párroco-
Ext. 106

Sr. Andrea Avellaneda Pastoral Asst.
Ministerio Hispano - CCD Español -
Ministerio de los Enfermos. **Ext. 102**

Sr. Ines Almeida, Pastoral Asst.
Ministry of the sick/ CCD English.
Ext. 103

Magdalena Soto, Parish Secretary/
Secretaria Parroquial. **Ext. 100**



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INFORMACIÓN.

Ghanaian Community:

Men's & Women's Groups: 2nd Sunday of the
month after 2pm Mass - (BWR/Hall)

Baptismal Instruction:
by appointment with Anthony Boateng or
Kwabena Odame Darkwah

Youth Group: 2nd Sunday of the month after
2pm Mass (BWR)

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society:
meets on the third Friday of the month from
6:00pm to 8:00pm (BWR).

Prayer Session (Healing)
First Wednesday of every month,
7pm-9pm in the Church.

Teachings of the Church:
Second Wednesday of the month,
7pm-9pm - Church.

Holy Hour and Benediction:
Third Wednesday of the month, 7pm-9pm
in the Church.

Healing Mass: Last Wednesday of the month,
7pm-9pm - Church

Prayer Line: Every Friday at 7:00pm. The num-
ber to call is 712 451 0011 Access Code: 269300#.

New: Unity Radio 103.9
Every Tuesday from 8-10pm



Weekly Collection
Week of December 1-2, 2018

Mass Collections: \$4,317.00
Our weekly budget for Mass Collection is \$5,578. This week's shortfall was: \$1,261.

Building Fund	\$809
Food pantry	\$50
Memorial Mass	\$30
Thanksgiving	\$105
Christmas Party	\$405
Flowers	\$45

Total: \$1,444.00

Readings for the Week –
December 9, 2018

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lc 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



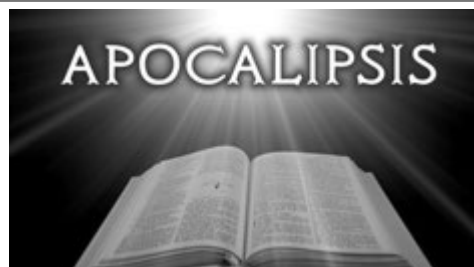
FROM THE PASTOR:

Repent is a word that we sometimes do not understand clearly or we have a erroneous concept of it. Repentance is not only to feel sorry or bad for something wrong we have done or said. Repentance is to understand that most of our sins come from the way we think. Therefore, true repentance has to lead to conversion which changes our way of thinking to that of God revealed in Jesus.

Repentance without conversion is just a mere act of sentiment that does not lead to real transformation of the person. It is necessary and fundamental always to think about the commandment to love when we are about to make decisions, to react, or to say something.

True repentance begins with the acknowledgement that we fail in loving God and neighbor. Then conversion comes by transforming our selfish thoughts to those of our self-giving of God. At the end being a good Christian is to imitate God, the God revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Once this truth is accepted we can only sing the wonderful deeds of the Lord and our lips will be filled with joy for the Lord has been gracious to us and has set us free from sin and death.



Clases los Lunes , 10 y 17 de
Diciembre a las 7:00pm
en la Iglesia.



**Our Lady of
Guadalupe
Nuestra señora de la
Guadalupe**

**Date/Dia: December/
Diciembre 12**

**Mass
9:00am- Ingles
Misa
6pm(Español)**



THANK YOU FOR TAKING ALL THE REQUESTS FROM OUR GIVING TREE. GIFT RECIPIENTS ARE THE CHILDREN OF OUR ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH FAMILY. GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 15TH & 16TH. IF GIFTS ARE RETURNED LATE, THE CHILD MAY NOT RECEIVE YOUR GIFT. GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED IN GIFT BAGS (NO WRAPPING PAPER, PLEASE). PLEASE ATTACH THE GIFT TAG THAT YOU TOOK FROM THE TREE VERY SECURELY TO THE GIFT BAG. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE INCLUDE A GIFT RECEIPT. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

**ADVENT PRAYER PROGRAM
Saint Bernard Church, 228 Lincoln St.
Worcester, ma.
Tuesday Morning: 10-11:30am**

**December 11th...Regina O'Connor
Director of Social Concerns
for the Sisters of Saint Anne
"Making Straight the Path"**

Retirement Fund for Religious 2018

November 29, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On **December 8 and 9**, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, a national collection that benefits nearly 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who are members of 547 religious institutes throughout the country. The sad reality is that only 23 of those communities are adequately funded to care for their elderly and infirm members who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, "There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds." This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies—allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Just as our annual *Celebrate Priesthood* event helps our diocese to care for its retired diocesan priests, this national collection assists many religious communities which struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

PROGRAMA DE POSADAS 2018

<i>Sabado 15</i>	<i>5:30pm-Staff-ARCA</i>
<i>Domingo 16</i>	<i>7:00pm- Colombia-</i>
<i>Lunes 17</i>	<i>7pm- Hijas de Maria</i>
<i>Martes 18</i>	<i>7pm- Puerto Rico</i>
<i>Miercoles 19</i>	<i>7pm- Salvador y Guatemala</i>
<i>Jueves 20</i>	<i>7pm- Republica Dominicana</i>
<i>Viernes 21</i>	<i>7pm- Damas del Sagrado Corazon</i>
<i>Sabado 22</i>	<i>7pm- Ecuador</i>
<i>Domingo 23</i>	<i>7pm- Grupo de jovenes</i>

December & June Ordinations – Save the Dates!

Please mark your calendars for the priesthood ordination of Deacon Juan Sanchez on **Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 am** at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Transitional deacons may also be ordained on this date. All are welcome! The date of June ordinations for priests and transitional deacons is **Saturday, June 22 at 10 am** at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please contact Fr. Jim Mazzone with any questions at jmazzone@charter.net or 508-340-5788.

Dementia Caregiver Support Groups

When a loved one develops Dementia, it can be difficult for everyone. Hearing how other people have walked through the journey with their loved one can be helpful. We invite you to join us for learning, sharing and support. There is no obligation to share; you are welcome to come and just listen!

1st Tuesday of the Month at 5 p.m. at Saint John's Church – Church Hall 44 Temple St., Worcester; **3rd Thursday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.** – Ducharme Center, 10 Dupont St., Worcester (behind Holy Family Parish at St. Joseph Church) For more information contact: Jeanne Pellegrino, Alzheimer Program Director, St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center 508-471-2272.

VISITATION HOUSE

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Again this year, we will have a Baby Bottle collection to benefit Visitation House.

Bottles are available in the front of the Church in a basket on the altar.

Please fill the bottle with as much as you can to help Visitation House meet the needs of the mothers and babies in their care. Bottles should be returned by **December 8th**, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you for your support of this very worthy cause.

March for Life registration information now available!

Please join us for the Diocese of Worcester's bus trip to the 46th annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Buses leave on **Thurs.**

Jan. 17 after the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St.

Paul's Cathedral, travel to Washington for the March for Life on Jan. 18, followed by the return trip to Worcester. Cost is \$80 per seat for registrations postmarked by December 31, and \$95 thereafter. For more information, and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life. Can't attend this year but want to help?

Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so.

Thank you!



SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

Christian Initiation/ Iniciación Cristiana

Infant Baptism/Bautismo de niños: Baptismal instruction is by appointment. Parents should call the rectory and request an initial interview before the baptismal instruction. Baptism in English is the 2nd Saturday of the month or within Mass. En Español son el 3er Sábado del mes a las 2PM, o en la Misa.

Adults: The RCIA is an ongoing process designed to meet individual needs in the process of entering into the discipleship of Christ. Adults call the parish to inquire. RICA es un proceso diseñado de acuerdo a las necesidades del individuo en el proceso de convertirse en discípulo de Cristo. Adultos llamar a la oficina para registrarse.

First Communion/ Primera Communion: Yearly process of catechesis. Call the office for registration. Children must be in 3rd grade of school. Proceso annual de catequesis. LLamar a la oficina para registrarse. Los niños deben estar en 3er grado.

Confirmation/Confirmación: Two years process. Pre-confirmation for youth in 9th grade. Confirmation for youth in 10th to 12th grades. Call the office to register. Dos años de proceso. Pre-confirmación para jóvenes en 9º grado. Confirmación para jóvenes en 10º a 12º grado. LLamar a la oficina para registrarse.

Adults Confirmation/ Confirmación de Adultos: Call the Diocese to register/ LLamar a la Diócesis para registrarse.

Sacraments of Healing/ Sacramentos de Sanación:

Penance/Confesiones: Saturdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm or by appointment. Sábados de 3:15pm a 4:15pm o por cita.

Sacrament of the Sick/ Unción de los enfermos: Please let us know if you or anyone in the parish is hospitalized or homebound and need communion, confession, or to be anointed.

Communion is given weekly. Llámenos y déjenos saber si usted o alguien de nuestra parroquia está hospitalizado o enfermo en la casa y necesita la Comunión, la confesión, o la Unción. La comuniónse lleva semanalmente.

Sacraments of Service/ Sacramentos de Servicio:

Matrimony/Matrimonio: Couples should contact the priest a year prior to the desired date of the wedding. Las parejas deben contactar al sacerdote con un año de anterioridad a la boda.

Holy Orders and Religious Life/ Ordenes Sagradas y Vida Religiosa: If you or someone you may know is considering a vocation as a priest, deacon, or professed religious, please contact one of the priests of the vocation office

www.worcestervocations.com or the Diocesan vocation director at **508-340-5788**. Si tienes inquietud vocacional para ser sacerdote, diácono, o consagrarte a la vida religiosa comunícate con la oficina de vocaciones de la diócesis.

SAVE THE DATES



CHRISTMAS PARTY & CONCERT

DATE: DECEMBER 8TH

TIME: 5:30PM AT THE ARC

COST:\$15 WITH DINNER INCLUDED

Choir from St Mary's High School will be joining us for Christmas Carols. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on December 1st Weekend.



JOLGORIO NAVIDEÑO

DIA/DATE:

15 DE DICIEMBRE/DECEMBER 15TH

at the ARC

Costo/Cost \$25

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