

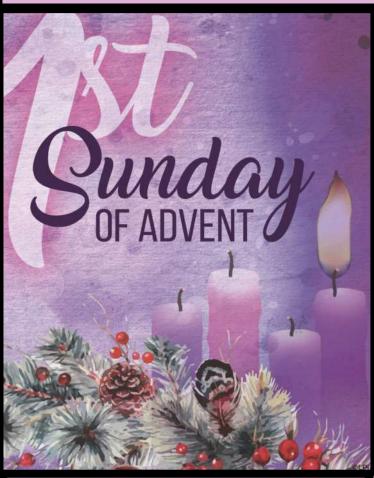
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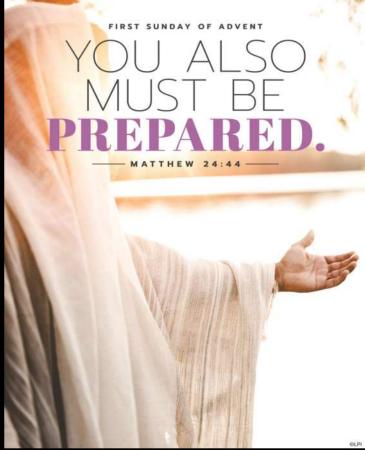
First Sunday of Advent

Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope



Sunday, 8:00 AM Sunday, 11:30 AM





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#### **EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

#### St Ann's

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6 :15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

#### St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass Or by appointment. Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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#### Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:00 - Sue Arvidson — 4th Anniversary & Michael Shea — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, November 30, 2025

9:30 - Michael Pigeon — Month's Mind 6:15 - All the Teens of the Collaboration

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00 - Manuel & Anna Barros & Fam. — Memorial

Thursday, December 4, 2025

9:00 — Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:30 - Frank & Catherine O'Brien — Christmas Memorial

6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I., C. Collaborative 11:30 - Rose Talabach — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 - Benjamin Andrea — 2nd Anniversary 11:30 - Dorothee Boisclair — Birthday Remem.

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#### **NOTES FROM THE PASTOR**

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent has arrived! It's hard to believe, but we begin another liturgical year. We begin our use of "Cycle 'A" for Sundays and "Year I" for Weekdays, for the liturgically-minded in our congregation. We also move into usage of Matthew's Gospel. Thematically, Matthew's Gospel (written, most likely, not by Matthew, but by an anonymous Jewish-Christian) revolves around the Kingdom of Heaven and Jewish elements such as Jesus' lineage to David and Jesus portrayal as "King of the Jews". These elements, while not unique to Matthew, are stressed most profoundly in Matthew's Gospel.

This "sets the stage" for us to begin our new liturgical year. As we dive headfirst into Advent, we "begin at the end", so to speak. Jesus, in today's gospel, is speaking of the end times, of what will occur as we are called home to the aforementioned Kingdom of Heaven. This is appropriate to our Advent journey, for Advent is a time of "two-fold waiting" – waiting for the Christ Child, born from the line of David, and the waiting for Jesus as the King of Glory who calls us home to fullness of life in the Kingdom (of Heaven). This waiting can be, for many, a test of faith (and patience, if you are of a certain youthful age, waiting for Christmas to arrive!). We want to go to heaven, but we also want to live life to the fullest here on earth. The thing to remember about our lives on earth is that they are but a foretaste and promise of what awaits us in the Kingdom. We can go about working (as is evidenced in today's gospel), but we should be ready, here and now, for Jesus' call to join Him for all eternity. This is the sum of the "two-fold waiting".

Our Advent journey is also a time of preparation of those "waitings". Often times, we think of Lent as the season of "preparation", with its emphasis on reconciliation, of "making straight the path". This language will appear to us next week, with the emergence of John the Baptist. Advent, like Lent, is a time for us to clear out the "spiritual deadwood", those things which are not of God. One way we can do this is by taking advantage of one of the "hidden gems" of our Church - the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we open our hearts to God in this way, we make known to God those things of which we want to rid ourselves.

May we use the opportunities Advent presents to grow in our relationship with God and His Church. May we know God's healing love in the sacraments (of Eucharist and Reconciliation). May we always be aware of God's desire to share the gifts of faith, hope and love with us, and may we, in turn, share these gifts with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Advent Season.

Fr. Paul

#### **MINISTRY NEWS**

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For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

#### **December Family Mass**

December 7 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann

This Mass will be sponsored by our Monday 4th grade class. They will be doing the readings and bringing up the gifts. We invite all kids in attendance to join Fr. Paul for the homily and everyone to join us at the back of the church afterwards for snacks.

#### **Christmas Pageant**

Sunday 12/14 at 1 pm, St. Ann's Parish Center

Join us as our children share the story of Jesus' birth and we have a birthday party for him! There will be plenty of food and fun.

Please bring a non-perishable food item as a birthday present for Jesus and the Food Pantry!

#### **December Teen Mass**

11/14 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann Our next Teen Mass is December 14. At these Masses, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass. If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

St. John's is once again partnering with East Bridgewater HUGS to host a Giving Tree for our families in need. Please stop by the tree and select a tag or tags, sign the sheet, shop for the gifts, and return them to any drop off location by Dec 13th.



EBHUGS also accepts gift cards, cash, checks, venmo and paypal on the HUGS website www.ebhugs.org

If you wish to volunteer or would like more information, please contact us at:

wishes@ebhugs.org

Thank you for your support! Happy Holidays!

#### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

"I have done what is mine to do. May Christ teach you what is yours". Francis

said this as he was nearing his death, knowing that conversion is never a single moment but a lifelong journey. We constantly need to renew our commitment to Christ, to following the Gospel, to drawing closer to God. Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, is a perfect time to begin again, a fresh start for each of us.

When I was a child, Advent was a big part of my family's seasonal celebrations. An Advent calendar hung on the wall and we were each given an Advent calendar (filled with candies and chocolates which, truth be told, didn't last very long!). The Advent wreath occupied the center of the kitchen table and every evening we sat around the table and took turns reciting Advent prayers, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent and ending on Christmas Eve. I picked up this tradition when I got my first apartment, and I would put my parents on speaker and we would recite the prayers together.

Advent is a time of resting and waiting. Throughout the season of Advent, we explore the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus letting go of divine splendor to embrace a human existence. In doing so, he raised all of humanity to its divine destiny. For Francis, meditation on this mystery was at the heart of his understanding of God's saving love for us. It was also at the heart of Francis's wholehearted embrace of poverty, of humility, of all of the divine virtues.

If Jesus could let go of so much, surely Francis could let go of his luxurious lifestyle and his quest for glory and admiration. In doing so, he showed his friends and all of his followers through the centuries how to let go of the pride and possessions that kept them from living the Gospel to its fullest extent. Advent at the time of Francis was a penitential season, much like Lent. The austerities of the season were a reminder to let go of human vanity and embrace a more divine humility. In this spirit, we might focus our Advent activities on prayer, on charity, and on reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

#### Fiscal Updates & News 11-16-25

St. Ann — Offertory	<b>\$2</b> .	,933
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$	951
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	\$	215
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#### **Total**

St John — Offertory	\$2,431
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 538
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	\$ 812
Total	\$ 3,781

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# It's time to think about the Christmas Flowers!

Our financial situation is such that we are only able to afford as many flowers as the donations are received. So, we ask that you

send in your Christmas flower donation as soon as you can so we can buy the flowers and be fully decorated!

We will again be posting the names of your loved ones for whom you made the donations. Remember to put the name of you loved ones on the envelopes. If you use a plain Envelope be sure to include you name and your loved ones.

Thank you for your support.

#### **COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S**



#### **St Ann Prayer Line:**

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to

join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

#### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Brittany Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guiseppe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier. Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, John Zenus, Peg & Brendan Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan, Kathy Hannafin, Sharon Carson & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379 To join please call — TINA ANTHONY 508-245-5481

Thank you to all those who donated to our recent clothing and book drive, and our gratitude to those who continue to make monetary donations to our collection boxes at the door of the church. Without your ongoing generosity to all our fundraising efforts we would not be able to continue to assist our neighbors in their time of need.

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

Next meeting: December 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater 02379

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM Need: cookies, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing Cash donations also accepted.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544 East Bridgewater MA 02333 Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance Hotline—508-378-3760

# PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

#### December 1 & 15

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. 508-378-3760

The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, canned vegetables pasta & pasta sauce, non-sugar cereal, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

#### **Christmas Sharing Planning**

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again be asking you for gift cards that will be distributed to the families and senior citizens. The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon, We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's or Market Basket cards for families and Senior Citizens, and items for the Senior Citizens' gift bags. All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the St. Vincent dePaul boxes at the doors of the church, or sent to Linda Santry. Checks should be made out to St. Ann's, with "Christmas Sharing" in the memo line. They must be received by **December 5th**, to allow the parents' time to purchase gifts before Christmas. There is a box at the rear of the church for Senior Citizens gift bag items

This year we will also be collecting toys for the parents to choose from for their children. There will be a bin in the back of the church for you to place new toys for children aged 1 to 16. See the handout on November 8/9th for more details.

If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: **508-586-6535** or **linda@santry.org**, or Lisa

## **Prayer for Advent – Arise**

Bless God's Holy Name! Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.

Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.

Inspire us with new visions.

Be with us as we climb closer to You.

Amen.

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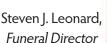
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