



Saturday December 9

4pm ~ Christopher Edwards, 24th Anniversary, requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea
Roger Bergeron requested by Jeannette Masson

Sunday December 10

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Don Goyette requested by the Goyette family
Daniel Hall, 2nd Anniversary, requested by dad & mom

Monday December 11

8am ~ Fr. Joseph Moynahan requested by a friend
Roger Aubrey, Sr. requested by David & Maureen Groff

Tuesday December 12

8am ~ Stacey DeMarino, 4th Anniversary, requested by her family
Barbara Cope Baril, 1st Anniversary, requested by Wayne & Sue Cope

Wednesday December 13

8am ~ Gloria Dalpe requested by Lou & Marie Dalpe

Thursday December 14

8am ~ Robert Comeau, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his godchild Linda

Friday December 15

8am ~ No Mass
7pm ~ Healing Mass

Saturday December 16

4pm ~ The Choquette & Loisel Families and **Rita & Jerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family
Julia Lawlor, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

Sunday December 17

8am ~ Aldo Larese, 35th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
Robert Comeau, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, December 10

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center
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 Christmas Pageant Practice, 11:30 AM, in the church
 Penance Service, 2:00 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace, Salem, NH
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, December 11

Blessing of the Creche, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 12

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 13

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM
 Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school
 Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 14

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, December 15

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school
 Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, December 16

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Raymond Jean Jr.**, Birthday Remembrance, by his family

Confessions during Advent

During Advent we have Confessions on Sundays before each Mass, on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM and our Cluster Penance Service is this Sunday, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace, Salem, NH.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week we move into examining the Liturgy of the Word. As I mentioned last week, the proclamation of the word is one of the ways that Jesus is present in the Mass. This means that in a very real way, we meet Jesus in the Word. This is important because when we miss the Liturgy of the Word, we miss an important encounter with Jesus.

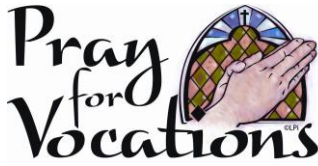
A little background for how the readings are selected. There are two different cycles for the readings: The Daily Mass readings, and the Sunday Mass readings.

The Daily Mass readings are comprised of a First Reading (not from the Gospels or the Psalms), the Responsorial Psalm, and a Gospel. The Daily Mass readings are on a two-year cycle, named Year I and Year II. Year I is on odd years and Year II is on even years (heading into 2024, we're starting Year II). The cycle is only different for Ordinary Time, so the Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter readings are the same for both years. Additionally, the Gospel is the same for both years, so the Daily Mass readings that change are only the first reading and the Psalm. During Ordinary Time, the Gospels go pretty much sequentially, beginning in Mark, then moving to Matthew, and ending with Luke. John is read extensively throughout the Easter Season. The First Readings also go sequentially (though often skipping major sections) through a book of the Bible, but we don't go from beginning to end. We could be reading from a letter of St. Paul one week and be in the Old Testament Prophets the next. The Psalm is chosen from the theme of the First Reading.

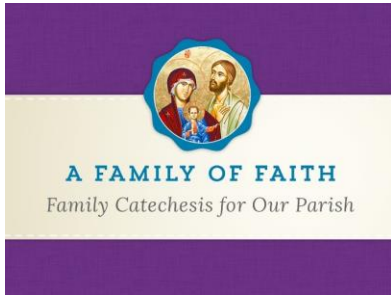
Sunday Mass readings are made up of an Old Testament reading (though in Easter, it may be a reading from the Acts of the Apostles or Revelation), Responsorial Psalm, New Testament reading (not a Gospel, Acts, or Revelation), and then the Gospel. The Sunday readings are on a three-year cycle – Years A, B and C. At the beginning of Advent, we began Year B. Year A typically draws from Matthew, Year B from Mark (and supplements with some from John, since Mark is so short), and Year C from Luke. During the special seasons, the readings typically follow a theme (and John is used extensively in Easter), but in Ordinary Time, the Gospel follows through the Gospel in order. The First Reading is chosen to match a theme from the Gospel, and, as with Daily Mass, the Psalm is chosen from a theme in the First Reading. So, if you're paying attention, you should be able to find some common themes between the First Reading, the Psalm and the Gospel. The Second Reading makes its way through the New Testament letters. This means that there is no intention (at least during Ordinary Time) to have a unified theme between the second reading and the other readings.

One last piece of Scripture which is often overlooked in the Liturgy of the Word is the Gospel Acclamation. Except during Lent, the Gospel Acclamation is always an "Alleluia," and includes a verse from Scripture. This verse is meant to highlight a theme from the Gospel.

We'll look further into the Liturgy of the Word next week. Even with the two sets of cycles of readings, we do not get the whole of Scripture. We do get most of the Gospels, but there are gaps in other parts of the Bible. However, it should be noted that with the reform in Liturgy after the Second Vatican Council, much more Scripture was included. Also to be noted is that the priest does not choose the readings. This prevents the priest from preaching only on the passages he likes or with which he feels most comfortable.



“A voice is calling.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



FAITH LIFE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Advent is one of the most beautiful times to live our faith as a family. We prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior but we are also reminded of the hope that Jesus’ Second Coming will bring as well. Advent is a time to renew our hope! “The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God’s Word. A hope, which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.”

- Pope Francis
- During this beautiful season, this will be our focus in the Faith Life Program. What does this look like? How can we anchor our lives in Christ and restore our hope during Advent?
- Take time for family prayer
- Attend Holy Mass together and discuss what you see and hear during the Sacred Liturgy.
- Visit those who might be lonely during these times
- Serve the poor
- Sing lots of Advent and Christmas Carols
- Invite someone to join you for Holy Mass on Christmas morning.
- These are just a few ways we can quiet our hearts and anchor once again on Jesus, who is the source of hope!

I pray that you all have a blessed Advent and Christmas.
In Christ,
Adam Castor
Director of Faith Life

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to the following parishioner who will be praying for vocations during this week:
-Rosemary Reppucci-

All parishioners have the opportunity to participate in the program. Interested? Please email stpatsharvestteam@gmail.com

Creation Corner: This weekend Isaiah prophesies and Mark affirms that we are to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” We are not just fellow travelers on “the way of the Lord.” We are to “prepare the way,” to be active co-creators with the Lord, improving the “rugged land” and the “rough country.” May we be good stewards of the land!

Monday Night Teachings
St. Ignatius of Loyola’s
14 Rules for
Discernment of Spirits
Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM
in the youth room
**No Monday Night Teaching
on December 11th**

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

Coffee and Donuts and Children’s Crafts will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus this weekend. Please come and join us.

**SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS
&
NEW YEAR'S MASS**

Christmas Eve - December 24th
 Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
 Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

Christmas Day - December 25th
 Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
 Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

New Year's Day - January 1st
 The Solemnity of Mary 9:30 AM



Join us in our tradition of the **Lighting of the Creche on Monday, December 11th, at 6:30 PM.** Immediately followed by Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Crafts in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas Pageant will be at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.
 Christmas Pageant rehearsals will be on **Sundays** after the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:35 AM) on **December 10th** and **17th**. To sign up or get more information, please email Wendy Williams at garywendy6@comcast.net

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SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

Looking for Singers and Musicians for the Advent Season to join the Praise Band. Practice is on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Gary & Wendy Williams at garywendy6@comcast.net

PARISH COLLECTIONS

In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in **\$8,700** per week.

Parish Collections for the week of 12/3/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$7,108
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,033
Total Offertory	\$9,141
 Total Collected	 \$9,141

Thank you for your faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement
collected as of 12/3/23
\$1,647
Thank you for your generosity!



**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

- Dec. 17 Maintenance**
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.
- Dec 24 Faith Life Formation**
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
- Dec. 31 Evangelization**
To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE
Our Parish Mission
March 10th - 12th.
More information to follow

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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Help Souls on their way to Heaven

When Fr. Von gets called to anoint people who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for them.

If you would like to join this ministry or want more information, contact Fr. Von at (603)-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or Lmurgia_871@comcast.net

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday 8am
Friday No Mass
First Friday and First Saturday 8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:40am
Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-9:00pm

For more information, or to sign up call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and participate in a baptismal catechetical session prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org to register, go to pelham.formed.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org