

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Mass Schedule

### **Saturday, December 22**

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)  
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

### **Sunday, December 23:**

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)  
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)  
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)  
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)

### **Monday, December 24:**

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd-Bishop's Mass)  
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
12:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)

### **Tuesday, December 25:**

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)  
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)

### **Wednesday, December 26:**

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

### **Thursday, December 27:**

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)  
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

### **Friday, December 28:**

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

### **Saturday, December 29:**

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)  
  
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

### **Sunday, December 30:**

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)  
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)  
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)  
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)  
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)**

Daniel Robillard Sr 21st Anniversary  
Dr. Edward Doherty, DDS  
*Brazilian Community*

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Antonio M Dias & Manuel DeSousa  
Frank and Sophie Stefanik  
St. Vincent DePaul's Anniversary  
Joao M Silva  
*Spanish Community*

### **Christmas Eve**

Christmas Angels  
Christmas Eve Mass  
For all parishioners

### **Christmas Day**

José Correira, Maria Costa, Francisco DeJesus  
Sheila Washburn  
For all parishioners

### **St. Stephen, First Martyr**

Jose and Maria DaSilva  
Stanislaus Kostka

### **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Cheryl Robinson

### **The Holy Innocents**

People of the Parish  
Living & Deceased Members of The Cichon &  
Cichon & Piszcz Families

### **Fifth day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Alma C Medeiros, Manuel M Medeiros, and  
Alfred F Almeida Sr

June Roberts  
*Brazilian Community*

### **The Holy Family**

Jean Judge  
Vivian Cambra  
For all the people  
Maria des Mercedes e Marido Martins  
*Spanish Community*

*The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Mary's Cathedral) burns in loving memory of the Souls in Purgatory*

*The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): Paul G. Arruda*

*The Our Lady of Angels (Good Shepherd): For parishioners of St Anne's, Holy Cross, and Holy Rosary*

*The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Stanislaus): In Thanksgiving for all Graces & Blessings received (Valerie A Butler)*

*Divine Mercy (St. Stanislaus): Anthony & Sophie Dubiel (Barbara)*

*Our Lady of Czestochowa (St. Stanislaus): In Thanksgiving for all Graces & Blessings received (Rita Cabral)*

*Pope St. John Paul (St. Stanislaus): Birthday Intentions of Father Johnson*

### **SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY**

If school is canceled, all Masses and church functions are canceled. Office is closed. If school is delayed, morning Masses (Good Shepherd) are canceled, noon Mass (Cathedral) and evening Masses (St. Stanislaus) will take place as usual. Office opening is delayed. If snow occurs on the weekend, Sunday Masses (and Saturday Vigils), will take place as scheduled, but please use your best judgment and be safe.



### **LaSalette Shrine Festival of Lights Mass Times:**

**Regular Mass Times:** Monday – Friday: 12:10 and 4:00 pm  
Saturday – Sunday 12:10pm, 4:00 pm, and 5:30 PM

**Reconciliation:** Daily 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
Tuesdays and Saturdays (Portuguese-Spanish) 2:30-4p.m.

**THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER**

'Twas THE SEASON OF ADVENT

'Twas the season of Advent and  
all through the world  
Hope's light was dimming,  
we'd given up on the search.

It wasn't so much that Christ wasn't invited,  
But after 2,000 years we were not as excited.  
We knew what was coming, no doubt about that.  
And that was the trouble, it was all "old hat."  
November brought with it unending series of pains  
With carefully orchestrated advertising campaigns.  
There were gadgets and dolls and all sorts of toys.  
Enough to seduce the most devout girls and boys.  
Unfortunately, it seemed, no one was exempt  
From this seasonal virus that did all of us tempt.  
It was rare, if at all, that you'd hear of the reason  
For the origin of this holy season.

A baby, it seems, once had been born  
In the Mideast somewhere, on that first holy morn.  
But what does that mean for folks like us,  
Too often lost in the hoopla and fuss?  
Can we relearn the art of wondering and waiting,  
Of hoping and praying, and anticipating?  
Can we let go of all the things and the stuff?  
Can we open our hands & our hearts long enough?  
Can we open our eyes and open our ears?  
Can we find Him again after all of these years?  
Will this year be different from all the rest?  
Will we be able to offer Him all of our best?  
Where do we begin, how do we start  
To make for the child a place in our heart?  
Perhaps we begin by letting go  
Of our limits on hope, and what we think we know.  
Let go of the shopping, of the chaos and fuss,  
Let go of the searching, let Christmas find us.  
With Him He brings wholeness and newness of life  
For brother and sister, for husband and wife.  
The Christ-child comes not by our skill,  
But rather He comes by His own Father's will.  
We can't make Him come with parties & trees,  
But only by praying down on our knees.  
His coming will happen, of this there's no doubt.  
The question is whether we'll be ready or not.  
He'll grow in wisdom as God's only Son.  
How far will we follow this radical one?  
He'll lead us to challenge the way that things are.  
He'll lead us to follow a single bright star.  
Can we block out the ads, the hype & the malls?  
Can we find solitude in our church's holy halls?  
Can we keep alert, keep hope, stay awake?  
Can we receive the child for ours and God's sake?  
From on high with the caroling host as He sees us,  
He yearns to read on our lips: Come Lord Jesus!  
As Advent unfolds all these questions make plea.  
The only true answer: Jesus, please come to me.  
On behalf of Fr. Munoz, Deacons Cote and Flaherty, myself,  
and the whole staff in our community, let me wish you all the  
choicest blessings of this Christmas season, and all peace,  
prosperity, happiness, and holiness in the year ahead.

Peace, love, and prayers,

*Fr. Tom*

12/16

**Good Shepherd**

Weekly: \$2,339.00

Fuel: \$1,259.00

Etc.: \$841.00

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**Saint Stanislaus**

Weekly: \$2,207.37

Retired Religious: \$878.00

Etc.: \$1,261

**Welcome to all new parishioners or those who might  
be visiting our parish.**

**Please introduce yourself after Mass or stop by the  
Parish office during office hours.**

**CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES:**

As you can see, we were able to stock our shelves once again with parishioner generosity & support. To be sure with the colder temps and weather conditions, our distribution numbers could increase, so we are depending on your generosity to continue. We are also fortunate to have some folks outside of our parish that are supporting our effort as well. There is a knitting group that are providing hats, scarves and mittens too. May God bless all our donors and please pray for our patrons that they are safe, fed and comfortable during the winter season. Items needed are pasta & sauce, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, tuna, instant mashed potatoes, canned potatoes. We are most grateful to the St. Stanislaus school community for their generous donations of non-perishable items. We were able to assist 5 needy parish families with a Thanksgiving meal from monetary donations on holydays throughout the year. We prepared 98 bags for distribution and we distributed 48 bags. Our next distribution will be on **Sunday, December 30, 8 to 9:30 am**. We will stock the shelves on December 13 & December 20 and prepare distribution bags on December 27 immediately following the 12:05 Mass. Help is greatly appreciated. May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

**Food Pantry at Good Shepherd**

Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are always welcome.

The food pantry is available to anyone in need by appointment. Please call the parish office.

**HELP WITH ALTAR LINENS** The Cathedral is looking for a volunteer to cleanse and iron the altar linens used for Mass each week. If you are able to assist with this service to our liturgy, please contact Fr. Tom (frtomw@gmail.com or 508-673-2833).

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please contact the parish office.

## Respect Life Ministry

“At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21).”

~Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae (1)

Respect Life Prayer Intention : For all Christians; that the wondrous birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ will awaken our hearts to the priceless gift of every child.

All Are Invited! The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be Saturday, January 5th at 8:45 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Church. The service is followed by refreshments and fellowship

### Prayer Intentions

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Ricky Nobrega, Rita Cabral, Rebekah Ponte, Kim & Anne Fischer, Beatrice Moniz, Michael Facchini, Rose Facchini, Patricia O'Brien, Anne Marie Hallisey, Kathleen Correia, Pat Cabral, Barbara Howard, Ann & Bob Zygiel, Penny & Joe Bucko, Donald Vezina, Kim Dias, Fernanda Dias, Floyd Fischer, John Romero Jr., Eddie Gravel, Anne Varley, Patricia O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien, Alyssa Camara, Claire Carreiro, Joanne Soares, Edward Gavin, Anne Cournoyer, Teri Stewart, Wyatt Boulais, Julie Sousa, Tom Sousa, Mary Ann Araujo, Margaret Pietraszczek, Teri Dias, Abigail Tavaras, Jillian Lowney, Bruno Texeira, and Braydyn Bentley Dias, Christine Barboza RIP, Francisco Silva, Val Monteiro, Bobby Rozycki, Eddie Gravel, John Romero Jr., Jeannie Quinn, Kevin Soares, Marlene Harrington, Patricia O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien, Francis Pacheco, Bob Pereira, Luis Raposo, John T. Haggerty, Barbie Canuel, Paul Canuel, Carter Wheeler, Joyce, Barbara Simcock, Patience Raposa, Colt Raposa, Dan Rego, Pat Wilson, Cookie, Herman Costa, Kevin Cartin, Richard Moniz, Greg Moniz, Pauline Grocott, Pam Almeida, Kenneth Copsetta, and Sarah Steen

**In Thanksgiving for all graces and blessings received.  
To request prayers for a loved one call the parish office at 508-678-7412**

### Prayer Line/Book

**Anyone interested in joining our prayer line to pray for those in need please call the parish office.  
To request prayers please call 774-955-0409**

**Parishioners in the Armed Services-**If you know any parishioner serving in the Armed Forces or a Veteran please email or call the parish office.  
Patrick Rioux Sr. Retired

“Almighty God and Father, hold our service men and women in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## CAROLING, CAROLING . . .

Everyone is invited to join in a caroling festivity on Sunday afternoon, December 30 (the Feast of the Holy Family) starting in the Cathedral at 2 p.m. and continuing at the neighborhood apartment buildings. The music will be familiar, and no special talent is expected of the singers. Instruments are welcome. Following the caroling there will be refreshments at the Cathedral parish hall in the school.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

On January 15, 2019 @ 6:30 pm - Cathedral relief services and at 7:00 pm - Cathedral fundraising/ social activities. These meetings will be held in the Cathedral rectory. New members and ideas are always welcome. A blessed and Holy Advent & Christmas season to all!

### OUR FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

Please visit Formed and explore the wonderful collection of movies, talks, books, and programs sharing the beauty and wonder of our Catholic faith. There's something for everyone — adults, teens and children, those who new to the faith and those seeking to deepen their knowledge. Best of all, it's FREE. Watch or listen on your phone, computer, tablet, or television. Go to [goodshepherd.formed.org](http://goodshepherd.formed.org) to register for your free account today!

The Rosary of the 1000 Hail Mary's will be prayed January 12th from 5:00am -10:00am in English, Spanish, Brazilian, and Portuguese in the chapel of the Cathedral. All are welcome!

### Year of The Visitation of The Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa Icon Visitation dates have been extended through December 2018



**12/22-12/29 Botelho Family**

**12/29-1/1 Chekares Family**

**Being a host family requires only that you honor Our Lady through prayer during your host week. You can bring her to your home following the 11:00am Mass (Sunday) at Saint Stanislaus. Return must be before the 11:00am Mass the following Sunday. A lighter icon of Our Lady is available in the sacristy. You may choose either one. Any questions contact: Denita Tremblay 401-624-9680**

“O Creator God, our world is pregnant with the anticipation of the birth of your Son. We are bursting in our preparedness, for the feast of Christmas will soon be here. Everything seems to be in order: the plans are agreed to, the tree is decorated, most of the gifts are wrapped, and we think we are ready. However, Lord, as we pause to offer this prayer, we realize that some things have been rushed, and, in the process, some important things have been forgotten. In this brief moment of quiet, help us to be at least thankful. Help us to appreciate the Word that comes to dwell with us. Help us to hope in the promise of His way, truth, and life. Help us to join with the angels who sing your praise. Grant us the lasting peace of this great season of joy. We pray in the name of our long-expected Lord. Amen.”

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Rosary Sodality</b></p> <p><b>The Holy Rosary Prayer Intention for December : That we may all grow in Grace, Humility, and Charity.</b></p> <p><b>Beginning on December 5, the Rosary will be prayed at 5:30pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings prior to Mass. All are Welcome!</b></p> <p><b>For information in English or Portuguese call Norma 508-496-0199</b></p> <p><b>Saint Stanislaus December Prayer Intention: For the grace to welcome the presence and peace of Jesus that comes to us through the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and that the Church hierarchy receives the Holy Spirit's grace to faithfully lead the Church.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Group at Good Shepherd</b> <b>Monday and Wednesday nights 7:00-9:00pm in the Conference Room</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Blanket Ministry</b></p> <p>Tuesday, January 8th 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Good Shepherd hall, bring a lunch. If you would like to join the prayer blanket ministry or to request a blanket please contact Joan Burda 508-679-6186</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bible Study at Good Shepherd</b> <b>Will resume on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in January</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shepherding the Homebound</b></p> <p><b>Through home visits, reassuring phone calls and sending cards or letters on a regular basis, our ministers will engage the elderly/homebound through conversation and social support. Volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers can deliver the Holy Eucharist to those who ask. Our intent is to visit those in Nursing Homes as well as those restricted to their own homes. Homebound includes those parishioners who cannot easily get out of their homes due to temporary or chronic illness. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector please call the parish office.</b></p> <p><b>Please contact the parish office if you would like to be a visitor or you would like to request a visit.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Altar Servers needed!</b></p> <p><b>Any child (girl or boy) in Grade 3 and above who are interested in being more involved in the Mass are asked to consider becoming an altar server. For more details, please call the parish office or see Father Washburn.</b></p> <p><b>The next altar serving training will begin the end of February on Saturday mornings. Time and place to be announced.</b></p>

<p><b>PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT</b></p> <p>His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, has authorized the formation of a new class for Permanent Deacons beginning in the spring of 2019. Those interested in pursuing the vocation of the diaconate are invited to submit a preliminary application. Additional details and a preliminary application is available on our website—<a href="http://fallriverdeacons.com">fallriverdeacons.com</a>. A final informational meeting will be held on January 17, 2019 at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Call 508-990-0341 or visit <a href="mailto:office@frpermanentdiaconate.com">office@frpermanentdiaconate.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program needs more team couples—both newly married and veterans (age is not a consideration). We constantly hear from those working in the program, how much they get out of their involvement. They meet in three locations: Mansfield, Dartmouth and Dennisport on Cape Cod. In each location there is a team of volunteers that facilitate three to five sessions per year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please email or call the Office of Faith Formation at <a href="mailto:bbonneau@dfrcs.org">bbonneau@dfrcs.org</a> or call 508-678-2828, #13.</p>
<p><b>ADULT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM</b></p> <p>A program to prepare adults for complete reception into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation (RCIA) as well as adults looking only for Confirmation, will begin in the Cathedral rectory on January 12, 2019, and will end before Easter. Classes will run from 3:00-4:00 each Saturday (excepting inclement weather) and costs nothing. If you are interested, please call the rectory before January 12th and leave a contact number, or see Deacon Peter Cote after any of the Cathedral Masses. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Save the Date: The Fall River Diocese 2019 Women and Men's Conference</b> will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Stonehill College in Easton. Response over the past two years has been very positive to this one-day Lenten program that features noted speakers, music, Mass, fellowship and more. So, please mark your 2019 calendar now and watch for details on the Women and Men's Conference in the coming months.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seniors' News</b></p> <p>Foxwoods Casino Thursday, January 3, 2019. \$18 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, free play, and buffet. Bus leaves Good Shepherd Church parking lot S. Main St at 8:30am.</p> <p>Mohegan Sun Casino Thursday, February 7, 2019. \$18 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel, and \$15 food voucher. Bus leaves Good Shepherd Church parking lot S. Main St at 8:30am.</p> <p>For more information or reservations call: Phyllis 508-676-8378 Adele 508-672-0030 Ann 508-674-7355</p>
<p><b>Any current altar servers who would like to serve for all 3 Parishes in the Collaborative (St. Mary's Cathedral, Good Shepherd, and St Stanislaus) please contact the parish office</b></p>