

December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 1:

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

Sunday, December 2:

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 3:

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

Tuesday, December 4:

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

Wednesday, December 5:

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

Thursday, December 6:

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

Friday, December 7:

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

6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)
6:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)

Saturday, December 8:

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

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 9:

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)

First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Carlos M. Aguiar
Shirley Bruneau
Brazilian Community

First Sunday of Advent

Louis Felix & Beatrice Veilleux-Felix, Antonio Carneiro, Paul G Arruda, Sidonio Norbert & Maria Pereira, Madeline Bouivert, Antonio Adolfo, Adelino Fernandes
Jose Carvalho and family
Stanley Janczura
Zita Martins
Spanish Community

St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Francis X. Wallace

Advent Weekday

Germano Medeiros
Jose Lopes Gervasio

Advent Weekday

People of the Parish
Birthday Blessings Andrew, Gabriel, Joey, Chloe, Andi, and Jack

Advent Weekday

John Pereira
Sheila Washburn

St. Ambrose

St. Mary's Purgatorial Society

Immaculate Conception BVM (Vigil)

Living & Deceased Felician Sisters (Butler Family)
Spanish Community

Immaculate Conception BVM

Sheila Washburn
Intentions of Portuguese Kitchen ladies (youth group)

Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Arthur Guimond
Sr. Thomas More
Brazilian Community

Second Sunday of Advent

Esther R Picard & José E Barbosa
Michael Tavares
Maria Rosario Sousa 9th Anniversary
Pais, Tios, Irmaos (Bento)
Spanish Community

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

The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): burns in loving memory of Paul G. Arruda

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

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

Divine Mercy (St. Stanislaus): burns in loving memory of Anthony & Sophie Dubiel (Barbara)

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

Pope St. John Paul (St. Stanislaus): burns for the Birthday Intentions of Father Johnson

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Join us on Thursday, December 13, at 7:00pm at Good Shepherd Church for an Advent Evening of Reflection. Franciscan Fr. Phil Pacheco (a Fall River native) will speak to us on the theme. "Advent: A Season of Hope". Confessions will be available following the service.

THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

LET US BEGIN AGAIN! Last weekend, I had the honor of attending the three closing Masses here in our city – at Holy Rosary, Holy Cross, and St. Anne's. I use that word "honor" very purposely. I certainly don't mean that it was a joy in any way, but rather, that it was a sacred space in which so many people came together to remember all the good that has been accomplished by the communities of these three churches. There were lots of tears, lots of stories, and even a few moments of laughter as people shared their memories of these special places. In this sense, I was honored to be so kindly welcomed into these final moments to join with everyone in prayer.

In my homily at both Holy Cross and Holy Rosary, I reminded everyone gathered that although the church building is closing, "God is not done with us yet." God is still calling us to come together as His people and be His presence in our city and in our world. Bishop da Cunha in his homily at St. Anne's struck a similar theme, "The church will always be there for us. Our faith is anchored in Jesus Christ."

So, as we begin again, let us acknowledge the sadness carried by so many. It is not easy to lose something as personal and intimate as your own house of worship. In fact, this morning, perhaps someone seated to your left or your right has come into this church from one of those that closed last weekend. Let us all do all that we can to be a welcoming community so that everyone who comes through the doors of this church knows that God's house is their house. We should always strive to be the most welcoming community possible.

And for those who are with us today from one of our closed churches, welcome. I hope that you will come to feel as connected to this place as you were at your former church. In fact, as we all together begin this new collaboration of parishes together, my hope is that we can all come to feel as though any of the churches in our collaborative is our church. It is an invitation to broaden our view of community, to expand the horizon of our faith experience, to grow our family of faith to include so many more people throughout the city.

A few reminders. Again, as I mentioned at Holy Rosary and Holy Cross, but the same is true for members of St. Anne's, St. Bernadette's, or any other closed church – if you were involved in your church as a catechist, altar server, Eucharistic minister, lector, or any other ministry – please continue with us. Just send me an email (frtomw@gmail.com) and we will put you on the schedule. We hope you will continue to share your gifts and your ministry within the community.

Secondly, collection envelopes. You can place your envelope in the basket of any of our collaborative churches (St. Anthony, Good Shepherd, St. Stanislaus, or the Cathedral). Your envelope will be returned to the proper church so that no matter where you attend Mass, your offering will support your home church.

God is not done with us yet. Let us embrace this adventure of faith once again.

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom

Respect Life Ministry

Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return. He will return to us in the celebration of Christmas, when we will remember his historic coming in the humility of the human condition; but he enters our heart each time we are willing to receive him; and he will come again at the end of time to "judge the living and the dead". Therefore, we must always be vigilant and await the Lord with the hope of encountering him...being attentive and being watchful are the conditions that allow God to permeate our existence, in order to restore meaning and value to it with his presence full of goodness and tenderness.

~Pope Francis, Angelus, First Sunday of Advent, 2017

Respect Life Prayer Intention

May Mary Most Holy, role model for awaiting God and icon of watchfulness, lead us to her son Jesus, rekindling our love for him.

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 Pietraszek, 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, Kenneth Carrier, 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, Russel Amaral, Kevin Cartin, Paula King, 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 contact Leanne at 508-678-7412

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

Please Pray for the soul of Medrick A. Lavalley and Dimas Pavao, Maria V. Pacheco, Ramiro Perinho, Irene Lewis, Cheryl Rivard, Gilberta Faria, Kenneth Carrier, Clarisse Rezendez, Robert Durfee, Carlos Patricio, Janice Fiola, Emily J (Nowak) Przewoznik, Pasquale Miozza all our deceased family and friends.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

INSTALLATION OF NEW RECTOR, DECEMBER 9TH AT 10:00AM AT THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop da Cunha will formally install Very Rev. Thomas Washburn as the new Rector of the Cathedral and leader of our new Catholic Community of Central Fall River (Good Shepherd, St. Stanislaus, St. Anthony of Padua, and the Cathedral) on Sunday, December 9, at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption. Please plan on attending this special Mass for our whole



Holy Rosary Sodality at Good Shepherd Parish will be having a Bake Sale Dec 22nd and Dec 23rd before and after all Masses in the

conference room.

Donations are welcome!

Good Shepherd Parish Food Pantry

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.

Welcome to all new parishioners or those who might be visiting our parish. Please introduce yourself after Mass or stop by the Parish office Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm

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 judgement and be safe.



Collections 11/25

Saint Stanislaus
Weekly: \$1,576
Christmas Flowers: \$868
HVAC: \$2,360

Good Shepherd
Weekly: \$2,791
Assessment: \$1,001

Parish Calendar
Please see bulletin for details

December 1st the Mass Intention book will open for January-June 2019
December 13th 7:00pm Advent Evening of Reflection at Good Shepherd
December 16th 3:00pm South Coast Community Choral Christmas Concert at Good Shepherd

Calendário paroquial
Por favor vejam o boletim para detalhes

1 de dezembro o livro intenção de massa abrirá para janeiro-junho de 2019
13 de dezembro 7:00pm noite do advento da reflexão no bom pastor
16 de dezembro 3:00pm costa sul comunidade coral concerto de Natal

Calendario Parroquial
Consulte el boletín para más detalles

1 de diciembre el libro de intenciones de Misa se abrirá para enero-junio 2019
13 de diciembre 7:00PM noche de adViento de reflexión en el buen pastor
16 de diciembre 3:00PM concierto de Navidad coral comunitario de la costa sur

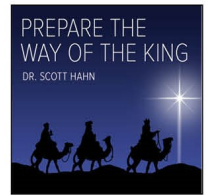
FORMED PICK

Prepare the Way of the King
By Dr. Scott Hahn

Ready Your Heart this Advent

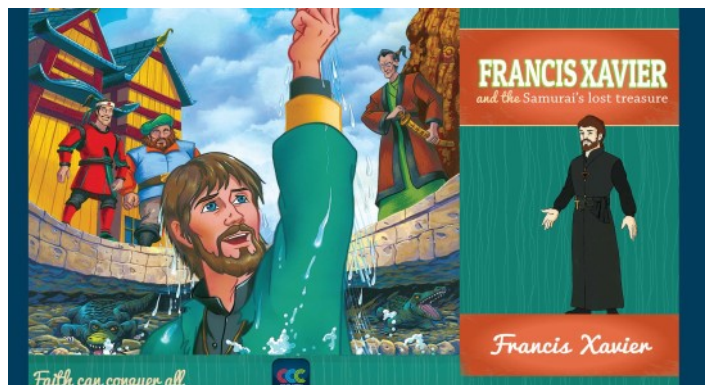
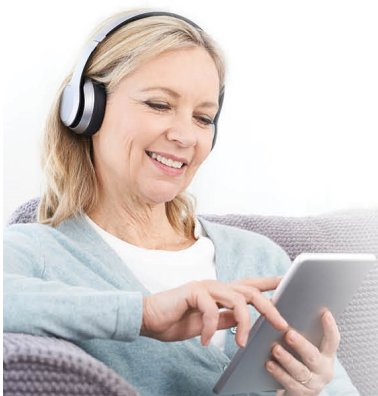
Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

[Listen on formed.org](http://formed.org)



"Just what I needed for this Advent!"

—Leslie H., Veneta, OR



Altar Servers needed!
 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 Leanne in parish office or speak to Eileen Hadfield before or after CCD.

St Vincente DePaul would like to thank all who contributed. We were able to pass out 21 Thanksgiving Baskets and we helped 10 families last month. Our next meeting will be on January 7th at 6:00pm at Good Shepherd.
 We are collecting names of parishioners in need of Christmas Food Baskets. Deadline is December 12th and pick up will be December 15th 10:00am-2:00pm
 We are also collecting names of any parishioners that are homebound or in nursing home. Please see Joyce or Norma

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

Good Shepherd has 3 Choirs. 4pm on Saturdays, 9:00am on Sundays, and 11:30am in Portuguese. If you would like to join a choir please contact Carlos Medeiros or Leanne in the parish office

Prayer/Line Book
 Anyone interested in joining our prayer line to pray for those in need please talk to Norma or Leanne in the parish office.
 To request prayers please call 774-955-0409

Gardening Club to maintain the gardens at Good Shepherd Parish.
 If you enjoy gardening please contact Leanne in the parish office.

Bible Study at Good Shepherd
 Will resume on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in January

Shepherding the Homebound
 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. You do not need to have a special need to ask for a visitor.
 Please contact Leanne in the parish office if you would like to be a visitor or you would like to request a visit.

Joannie's Christmas Honey Do List:
 We need volunteers on December 5th and 6th to help set up the Christmas Village and clean and polish the Sanctuary. We will begin around 10:00am.

Prayer Group at Good Shepherd
 Monday and Wednesday nights 7:00-9:00pm in the Conference Room

Prayer Blanket Ministry
 Christmas Party Tuesday, December 4th 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Good Shepherd hall, bring a lunch and a Yankee Swap.
 If you would like to join the prayer blanket ministry or to request a blanket please contact Joan Burda 508-679-6186

Seniors' News
 Mohegan Sun Casino, Thursday December 6th. \$18 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel and \$15 food voucher. Bus leaves at 8:30am from Good Shepherd Church parking lot, South Main St.
 For more information or reservation call Phyllis 508-676-8378 or Adele 508-672-0030 or Ann 508-674-7355

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception.
Masses will be:
Friday, December 7
 Vigil 6:00pm Saint Stanislaus
 Vigil 6:00pm Cathedral (Spanish)
Saturday, December 8
 9:00am Cathedral
 12:00pm Good Shepherd (bilingual)

Holy Rosary Sodality
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.
Beginning on December 5, the Rosary will be prayed at 5:30pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings prior to Mass.
For information at Saint Stan's call Joanna Perry
For information at Good Shepherd in English or Portuguese call Norma 508-496-0199

We are happy to announce that the sacred heart food pantry at St Bernadette's is still open every Monday from 4-5pm. It currently needs to be restocked. They are in particular need of Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter, canned spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, hearty soups and stews, canned clam chowder, canned fruit and jelly/jams. If you could possible double bag your donations, it would be a great help. Non-perishable food items may be brought to St. Bernadette's on Mondays between 1:30 and 6:00pm. If you wish to volunteer your time and/or donate food, please call Cyndi 508-673-4954 or Janice 508-990-6224. Financial donations are welcome and checks may be made payable to Sacred Heart Food Pantry at St. Bernadette's and mailed to Holy Name Parish, 709 Hanover st. Fall River, MA 02720. Thanks

Permanent Diaconate Information Nights: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M daCunha, 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, scheduled to begin the Aspirancy phase in the spring of 2019, are invited to submit a preliminary application. Additional details and a preliminary application is available on our website— fallriverdeacons.com. Information meetings will be held on November 8 with a final information meeting to be held on January 17, 2019. These general information meetings will delve into the process of formation of a deacon for the Diocese of Fall River. The info nights will be held at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center, 121 Mt Pleasant Street, New Bedford, 02740 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Lucca or Rev Robert Oliveira, Co-Directors of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at office@frpermanentdiaconate.com or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 508-990-0541

Save the Date: The Fall River Diocese 2019 Women and Men's Conference 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.

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.

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program meets 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 bbonneau@dfrcs.org or 508—678-2828 ext 13

MASSHIRE FREE WELDING TRAINING PROGRAM

MassHire is offering a free welding training program to earn certification in the field, and competitive jobs in welding and metal fabrication positions. For more information contact Debra Roy, Youth Employment Counselor, (508)675-9245 or droy@masshirebristol.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Conduct yourself to please God." Please God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend are Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingston, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Stations of the Nativity

Give yourself an early Christmas gift by responding to the invitation to "come aside and rest awhile". We will journey through the Stations of the Nativity that begin with Gabriel's visit to Mary, and end with the Magi's round trip. Today, this journey continues through you and me. Join us on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 8:30am (registration) to 4:00pm at the LaSalette Retreat House in Attleboro, MA. Lunch is included. Suggested donation is \$45 per person. Presenter: Dottie Levesque.

The La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro is the location for a support group for separated and divorced persons. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12/11 from 7:00pm-8:30pm . For more information or for directions, please contact Dottie at 508-642-1928 or dojale@icloud.com.

Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle: The Cathedral is holding a raffle from Christmas Day to Epiphany with 13 wonderful cash prizes and gifts valued at about \$1500! Tickets are available at the door of the Cathedral and on the table outside the conference room at Good Shepherd. Please assist in raising much needed funds for the Cathedral by buying, selling and giving tickets as gifts.

"Angels of Love"

Once again Good Shepherd will be encircling the Church during the time of Advent and Christmas with the names of those people closest to our hearts on our "Angels of Love". Each "Angel" can be purchased for \$3.00 and can be used to remember anyone either living or deceased. Forms have been inserted into this week's bulletin and also on the bulletin board in the connector. Just fill out the form, place it in an envelope with payment and either drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.