

**Saturday, December 14 - 4:00pm**

Pearl Lemire - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent**7:00am**

Gerry Tanguay - requested by Muriel Bouchard

10:30am

Bob Carter - requested by Louise Carter

Monday, December 16 - 8:30am

Bob Carter, anniversary of death - requested by Rick & Vicki Carter

Tuesday, December 17 - 8:30am

Bonita Kalinowski - requested by John Kalinowski

Wednesday, December 18

- No Mass -

Thursday, December 19 - 8:30am

Susan Phaneuf - requested by her husband Ed

Friday, December 20 - 8:30am

Doris Rajotte, anniversary of death - requested by the Smith family

Saturday, December 21 - 4:00pm

Mr. & Mrs. George Brown - requested by the family

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**7:00am**

Gerry Tanguay - requested by Arthur & Lorraine Morin

10:30am

Joan Allard - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

Advent Concert: Unfortunately, the musicians for this Sunday's Advent Concert had to cancel and we're unable to reschedule.



"Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart..." (Zephaniah 3:15-15)



This is the Sunday on which the Advent Wreath's 3rd candle is lit. It is called Gaudette Sunday. The Latin word "Gaudette" means rejoice. The pink or rose-colored candle represents joy. Also, the priest's vestments for Mass are the same color. I like this color very much because it reminds me of how beautiful my mother would look when she wore a pink blouse or jacket. When the sunlight or rays from a lamp would reflect off her clothing and onto her face, it seemed that there would be a joyful glow that shined from her. I believe that God's gift of joy and peace are brought about by what's inside our hearts. God's joy and peace shine from within when we let Christ into our hearts. And that's why my mother's soul was such a strong vessel of God's joy. When we realize how close God wants to be with us and allow ourselves to respond to Him in like manner, our souls and spirits will glow with much joy and peace. That's what God wants for all of us, His children. I remember when I was a hospital chaplain and visiting older patients who were quite ill. Sometimes I would ask them a question to cheer them up: "What has been your greatest joy in life?" And they would answer: "When my children all get along with each other!" Imagine, they didn't say that their greatest joy was owning a home, or receiving high honors in their career, or gaining notoriety for some reason. Their greatest joy was the well-being of their family and children. In the Gospel of today, St. John the Baptist instructs us on the outcome of living a joy-filled life. It is living justice. He says that "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." As the people start listening to him, he continues: "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." So, you see, joy and justice go together. If we let God grace us with His joy, we can more easily live a life of true justice! ~ Fr. John



Let us pray for these special intentions: For all our parishioners that are homebound and in nursing homes; for all our parishioners, family and friends that are struggling with illness or recovering from surgeries. We also pray for:

Acilda Dachowski, Lorraine Turcotte, Sr. Anne Marineau, Jason S., Bert & Georgette Beaudette, Richard & Tricia Bilodeau, Jon Lupien, Sr. Cecile Provost, David Rattigan, Rick Pank, Josephine Housty, Suellen Callahan, Esther & Charles Shea Jr., Jennifer Erheart, MaryAnn Mosman, Lucille Vigneault, Joe Carnevale, Len Dickson, Robyn Tancrede, Irene & Roger Allard, Jonathan Camire, Jr., Desire Lemay, Richard LeBlanc, Bobby Anderson, Doug Flanders, Cindy Cleary, Donna Mullen, Christine Wood, Joseph Belliveau, Doris Goodwin, Danny, Brendan & Colette O'Connor, Pauline Lavigne, Jaime Dupuis, Claudette Blais, Benjamin Mendoza, Sr., Merlina Ancheta, Riley Vigneault, Annie Slatky, Elliot Davis, Paul Faustini, Jacob McKonkey, Finley Patterson, Amy & Brian Wiggin, Matthew Vigneault, Theresa Harwood, Gladys Mendoza, Robert Lemay, Ray Pascua, Holly Mederios, Greg Flanders, John Lavoie, Cecile Belz, Dave & Sharon Brock, Adam Montgomery, Maggie Chiasson, Claire Vigneault, Charlotte Carlin, Norma Lemire, Steve Webster, Alice Demers, June Puglisi, Lucille Lingard Frederique, Laura, and Alfred Caprone.

Envelopes to donate towards the Christmas flowers in memory/honor of a loved one are available on the tables at the entrances.

**December 7 & 8, 2024****Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$1,232.00
Loose \$1,226.00
Electronic Offertory \$2,375.00
Mailed in Offertory: \$1,155.00

Total Offertory: \$5,988.00 Immaculate Conception: \$973.00

**General Fund**

Candles: \$83.00
Adoration Chapel: \$20.00

Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$74.00
Food Pantry: \$-0-
- in memory of J. Allard: \$25

Thank you for your continued support of our parish which helps us to live out the Gospel message to love and serve one another. We are also very grateful for the weekly food donations we receive both for the food pantry and our homeless ministry. We are humbled and blessed by your generosity. May God continue to bless all of you and our Blessed Sacrament family.

PARISH LEADERSHIP

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Patrick Gilmartin	770-4262
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	315-7623
Shoes For Kids/General Outreach	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
St. Anne's Closet (clothing for children)	
Parish Office	622-5445
Parish Elderly Ministry	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
Scouts of America	
Ron St. Cyr	622-8182
Finance Committee	
Dee Pouliot	
Parish Prayer Line	
Gemma Houde	668-3993
Pastoral Council	
Tracey Adams	
Funeral Ministry	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Liturgical Ministers	
(Eucharist Lectors, Altar Servers)	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Memorial Meals	
Gloria Pilotte	623-8173
Terry Sylvain	669-2582
Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Diane Sufat	625-8665
Religious Education (Gr. K-8)	
Martha & Steve Donohue	627-4868
RCIA	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Secular Franciscan Order	
Roselle Neely	673-9141
Youth Group	
Ellen Vigneault	867-8881

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick	
Fr. John Bucchino, ofm	622-5445

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Director & Organist, Adult Choir and Cantors	
James Butka	540-7638

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel

NEW HOURS: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am - 7pm

Saturdays: 12-7pm

LIVESTREAMED 24/7 on our website

OPEN HOURS: Saturdays: 9am, 10am, 11am

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus. What better way to keep the focus on Jesus this Advent than by spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. Can you spare an hour for Jesus?

The chapel is now open on Saturdays from 12noon – 7pm. We have those hours covered. If we receive interest from others wanting to cover a morning hour, we will open it sooner. As with all our hours, it would be nice to have 2 people committed to each hour; that way if one can't make it, the hour is still covered. Substitutes are always needed for one-time coverage. Can you give yourself to Jesus for one hour? For more information on the Adoration Chapel, call Lisa at the parish office, 603-622-5445.



Sunday, December 15

- * Faith Formation, 9am, hall
- * Scout Committee Mtg., 6pm, hall

Monday, December 16

- * Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Tuesday, December 17

- * Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am
- * Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

Wednesday, December 18

- * St. Anne's Closet, closed today
- * Food Pantry, closed for next 3 weeks

Thursday, December 19

- * Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm
- * No Prayer Shawl Ministry today
- * Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Friday, December 20

- * Liturgy Of The Hours, 8:15am, Church

Saturday, December 21

- * Adoration Chapel Open 12pm-7pm

Everyone loves a Christmas tree, and no two trees are the same. The Christmas tree tradition started in northern Europe but is now universal. It's always some type of evergreen tree, symbolic of the new and eternal life of the Christ child. The lights on the tree represent the light and hope of Christ; the ornaments represent the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit found in the soul united to Christ, and the star on top of the tree represents the Star of David that led the Three Kings from the East to Bethlehem. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany.

Christmas Tree Blessing

**Holy Creator of Trees,
bless with your abundant grace
this our Christmas tree
as a symbol of joy.**

**May its evergreen branches be a sign
of your never-fading promises.**

**May its colorful lights and
ornaments call us
to decorate with love
our home and our world.**

**May the gifts that surround this tree
be symbols of the gifts we have
received from the Tree
of Christ's Cross.**

**Holy Christmas tree within our home,
may Joy and Peace come and nest
in your branches and in our hearts.**

Amen.



300 Club: Week 9

#11 Shirley Beland; #15 Shirley Glidden; #128 Nancy Hornick; #173 Pat Nettel and #216 Larry Steele

Congratulations!



Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner from setting up the hall the day before, serving and hosting at the dinner, cleanup and to Jim Butka for playing the piano during dinner. Over 150 people were served! Many of the guests that came were alone. They were so happy to have company to share a meal! Some of our homeless were able to take leftovers and have another meal.

The volunteers were wonderful, we received many calls last week from guests expressing their gratitude and how wonderful the day was. We are also grateful for the donations we received to help with the cost of the dinner. Thank you all for your support. God is Good!

**Make 2025 the year
you make a difference.**

You can create a brighter future for a child who has experienced abuse or neglect by becoming a CASA volunteer advocate. If you have the heart to help, we'll teach you the rest. Attend a virtual info session to learn more! Learn more at:

www.casanh.org/infosessions

