



Catholic Community Of New Bedford North

St. Joseph-St. Therese—St. Mary—Our Lady of Fatima



"PARTNERING IN MISSION"

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 p.m. — St. Mary's

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. — St. Mary's

10:30 a.m. — St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. — St. Mary's

WEEKDAYS:

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| Monday | 8AM | St. Mary's |
| Tuesday | 8AM | St. Mary's |
| Wednesday | 8AM | St. Mary's |
| Thursday | 8AM | St. Mary's |
| Friday | 8AM | St. Mary's |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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| Saturday | 3:15— 3:45PM | — St. Mary |
| Sunday | 6:15— 6:45PM | — St. Mary |

Adoration & Holy Hour

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

7PM Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

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VISION STATEMENT

*To renew the presence of Christ
in our Community by being
disciples and stewards
of
Jesus Christ.*



The Churches are Handicap accessible.

December 27, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS


Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

This Weekend Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | Dec (26) | 4:00PM | (SMNB) | People of the Collaborative |
| Sunday | Dec (27) | 8:00AM | (SMNB) | Lucia da Costa, Maria Melo, Steven da Ponte, Antonio da Ponte, Cecilia Pereira & Artur Freitas |
| | | 10:30AM | (SMNB) | Hugh Murray (His wife, Hazel) |
| | | 7:00PM | (SMNB) | Community Mass: Renaud & DelVal Families, & For the intention of Mary Jane Walsh and all those who are terminally ill |

Weekday Mass Intentions

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| Monday | Dec (28) | 8:00AM | (SMNB) | Noreen O'Doherty Cacchione (Bob, Rosemary, Lea & Jonathan Noonan) |
| Tuesday | Dec (29) | 8:00AM | (SMNB) | Estelle Cusson (The Dion Girls) |
| Wednesday | Dec (30) | 8:00AM | (SMNB) | Josef Swiszczy (Family) |
| Thursday | Dec (31) | 8:00AM | (SMNB) | Roger Savaria (His wife, Theresa) |

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| Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | | | | |
| Friday | Jan (01) | 8:00AM | (SMNB) | People of the Collaborative |
| | | 10:30AM | (SMNB) | Marie-Ange Levesque (Her daughter, Pauline) |

Next Weekend Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | Jan (02) | 4:00PM | (SMNB) | Community Mass: Maria P. Barros, 4th Ann. Cecile Silveira, Birthday Rem. Carreau, Gonet & Marcotte Families |
| Sunday | Jan (03) | 8:00AM | (SMNB) | People of the Collaborative |
| | | 10:30AM | (SMNB) | Lucia da Costa, Maria Melo, Steven da Ponte, Antonio da Ponte, Cecilia Pereira, Artur Freitas (Family) |
| | | 7:00PM | (SMNB) | Souls in Purgatory |

It is important that you note which Mass you attend. Should anyone test positive for Covid-19 you may need to be notified.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Central Office will be closed on
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day,
December 31 & January 01
A Blessed and Healthy New Year to All.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

ST MARY'S

The Hosts for the month of December are offered in memory of Sara Correia by her family



14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of Blanche Smith (Louis & Louise Trial.

In Memory of Mary Jane Monti (Louis & Louise Trial)

Icon Candle: In memory of Leonard Oliveira by the family.

Christmas Candles in memory of

James & Gertrude Mello by Sharon

The Arabasz Family by the Family

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Pauline and Eugene Gregoire by the family

ST JOSEPH-ST THERESE



14-day Memorial Candles:

For the intention of Annette Pane for continued good health by her mom Sue.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA



14-day Memorial Candles:

In memory of Marc Letendre by his family.

Icon Candle in memory of Marc Letendre by his family.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations on the birth of your child! The church celebrates with you and is ready to prepare you if this is your **FIRST** child being baptized at our Parishes. A welcoming instruction for parents and god-parents is required. Please call the Administrative office to schedule the preparatory meeting and sacramental celebration.

INITIATION OF ADULTS: Adults expressing an interest in becoming Catholic are invited to search through our RCIA formation process. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION: Grades 1-9. First Eucharist is a two year program, grades 1 and 2. Confirmation is a two year program, grades 8 & 9.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to Fr. Raposo at least one year in advance of the intended date to allow adequate time for Parish and Diocesan Marriage preparation.

FOR OUR HOME-BOUND: Contact the Parish Office to receive Holy Communion at home if you are confined. **THE**

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: May be received after any weekday Mass or by appointment.



Each parish in the collaborative can now accept donations online through the collaborative website at www.ccnbn.org please click on **online giving and choose your parish**. I realize many people are struggling financially during this crisis, however, I hope that many will find a way to support their parish with whatever they can afford at this time. God bless you and keep you safe.

12/12-13/ 2020

| CHURCH | FIRST | SECOND | ONLINE |
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| OLF | \$1324.00 | \$236.00 | \$72.15 |
| SMNB | \$3306.00 | \$569.00 | \$729.06 |
| SJST | \$1845.00 | \$465.00 | \$678.82 |

2nd Collection this weekend (12/26-27) is for Diocesan Assessment Tax.

1/1/2021—Collection for the works of St. Vincent de Paul.

2nd Collection next weekend (01/02-03) is for Maintenance Fund.

Please note: Even though we are a collaborative we are separate entities. Therefore, when making your donation using a check, please make the check payable to the church you want to receive your donation and **not to CCNBN**. Thank You

Catholic Guild for the Blind
Survey to help Catholic Social Service know who the blind and vision impaired are and what services they are interested in. Copies of the survey can be found in the entry way of the church.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

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| SUN 12/27 | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 |
| MON 12/28 | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 |
| TUE 12/29 | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 |
| WED 12/30 | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 |
| THR 12/31 | 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 |
| FRI 1/1 | Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 |
| SAT 1/2 | 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28 |
| SUN 1/3 | Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 |

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

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| Sunday: | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |
| Monday: | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs |
| Tuesday: | St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr |
| Thursday: | St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve |
| Friday: | Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace |
| Saturday: | Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church |
| Sunday: | The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week |

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



New
Year's
Blessings



Catholic Community of New Bedford North



Your Pastors wish to express our gratitude to all those who worked so hard to decorate for the holidays. Your gift of time and talent is much appreciated. May the Lord reward your generosity.

We would also like to thank so many of you for your generosity in defraying the many costs of decorations etc.

Likewise we thank our Central Office Staff for taking care of Mass attendance requirements etc.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT



Parents who practice good stewardship use their time and talents to pass on their faith, to educate, to nurture, and to protect their children.



FAITH FORMATION News

This week's schedule:

Sunday, 12/27

NO CLASS - Merry Christmas!

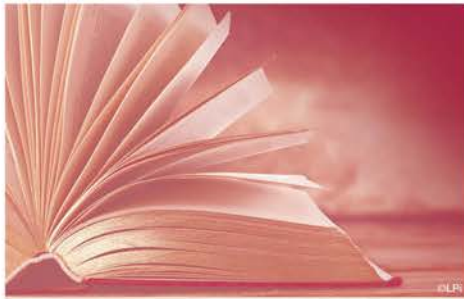
Next week's schedule :

Sunday, 1/3/2021

NO CLASS - Happy New Year!

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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| Rev. John A. Raposo | Co-Pastor & Moderator |
| Msgr. John J. Oliveira, P.A. | Co-Pastor |
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| Patrick and Denise Gannon | OLF Music Director |
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| Mr. Alfred Dias | Custodian OLF |
| Mrs. Connie Avelar | Custodian SJST |
| Mr. Mike White | Custodian SM |



FIRST READING

The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 15:5)



PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
(Ps 105)



SECOND READING

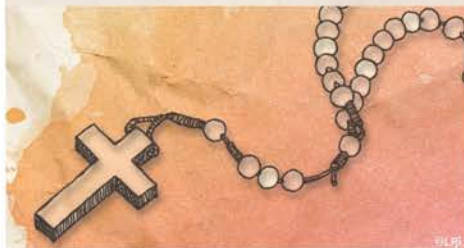
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to
go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.
(Heb 11:8)



GOSPEL

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 8



SAFE, NURTURING, TECHNOLOGY RICH,
CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT
SOLID CURRICULUM - FOCUS ON 21ST
CENTURY SKILLS & GOSPEL VALUES -
STRONG PARENT-SCHOOL
COMMUNICATION ~ AFFORDABLE &
ACCESSIBLE

**EXTENDED CARE AVAILABLE 6:30AM—5:30PM
FULL DAY PRESCHOOL FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS**

**COME & SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR
YOUR CHILD TO GROW & SUCCEED IN AN ACTIVE,
FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS!**

**Contact Principal Sue Massoud at
smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org or 508-995-3696 for more
information or to schedule a tour.
www.ascsnb.org**

***We invite you to visit All Saints Catholic School and
experience our intimate environment where students feel
safe, welcomed and loved —
and form friendships that last a lifetime.***

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.

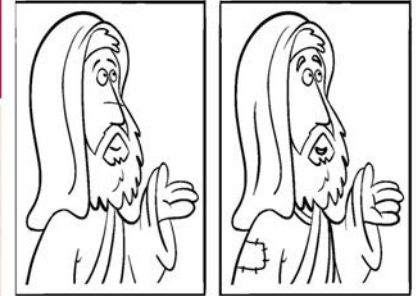
PRAYER

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.

Find 8 differences.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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