

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Daily

Mass (M, T, Th, F): 8:45 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:45-3:30 PM
(At St. Augustine 3:15-4 PM)

Holy Day Masses:

As announced

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Please contact the parish office to schedule date of preparation and date of baptism.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least one year before planned date of marriage.

Visitation or Anointing of the Sick: Anytime. Please contact the pastor.

If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection.

This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name _____

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Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, December 22

4:00 PM Arthur, Yvette, Sr. Rosemarie Dupre
by Elaine & Jim Gosselin

Sunday, December 23

8:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM Albert Bellerieve by Deacon Marc & Roberta

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

8:45 AM No Mass
4:00 PM Sadie Grace Pomeroy by her family
10:00 PM Open for Intention

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:45 AM No Mass
10:00 AM Marie & Adelard Ouillette & Theresa Benjamin
by their family

Thursday, December 27

8:45 AM No Mass

Friday, December 28

8:45 AM Deceased members of Good Shepherd

Saturday, December 29

4:00 PM Jim Cullen (4th Anniv.) by his parents

Sunday, December 30

8:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM Dr. Susan Campo Weiss by her mother

Liturgical Roles December 29 & 30

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 PM H. Campbell, M. Fitzpatrick
8:00 AM P. Jordan, J. Petty
10:00 AM K. Chamberland, C. Guertin

Lectors

4:00 PM J. Hauge
8:00 AM C. Cote
10:00 AM C. Grady

Altar Servers

4:00 PM A. Thompson
8:00 AM V. Jordan, M. Lowrey
10:00 AM M. & S. Kay

Ushers

4:00 PM J. & K. Nutter
8:00 AM J. D'Alfonso, K. Jordan
10:00 AM D. & MB Guertin

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Choir Mass

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

10:00 AM New Year's Day Mass

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant
Christmas Eve Choir Mass

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day Mass

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 23	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	NO RELIGIOUS ED.
Monday, December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass/ Pageant YC Closed
	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	NO REL. ED.
Tuesday, December 25	10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Day Mass
MERRY CHRISTMAS		
Thursday, December 27	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)
Saturday, December 29	2:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)
	2:45 PM	Confessions
Sunday, December 30	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	NO REL. ED.

Liturgical Roles for December 24 & 25

4:00 PM **EM:** H. Campbell, J. Hauge
L: Y. Remillard, S. Morrissey
AS: J. Lowrey, J. & J. Tasick
U: J. & K. Nutter, J. & M. Morrissey

10:00 PM **EM:** R. Poulin, D. Wilson
L: S. Desjourdy
AS: T. Etzold, C. Wilson
U: J. Kaske, L. Bianco

10:00 AM **EM:** M. Joanis, L. Roberts
L: M. O'Sullivan
AS: J. & T. Kramer
U: J. D'Alfonso, E. Metivier

**Solemnity of Mary
New Year's Day**

10:00 AM **EM:** C. Guertin, J. Paquette, D. Wilson
L: S. Desjourdy
AS: J. Lowrey, C. Wilson
U: L. Derderian, S. Pickering



The office will close on Monday, December 24 at noon for the Christmas Holiday.





Sunday, December 23

9:00 AM **NO**
 11:00 AM **RELIGIOUS ED.**

Monday, December 24

6:15 PM **NO RELIGIOUS ED.**

4th Sunday of Advent

Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us. As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
 Weekend of December 15 & 16**

Weekly Goal \$5959

Sunday Regular \$3548; Electronic \$405; Candles \$20;
 Christmas Flowers \$164; Immaculate Conception \$74;
 St. Augustine Reimbursement \$500

Other Income \$1739

Parish Savings \$527; Retired Religious \$1212;
 Number of Envelopes: 154 Thank You

*(The participation of all is very important
 and is appreciated by the whole community)*

Readings for the week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/
 Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/
 Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
 Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/
 Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/
 Mt 2:13-18
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
 Lk 2:22-35
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Please help to keep our church neat!

Please do not leave bulletins in the pews, either take them home or return to the bulletin racks at church entrances. Kneelers should be placed in the upright position and hymnals and missalettes should be placed neatly in the pew racks. Thank you!



Food Pantry and New Day Outreach

*"...I assure you, as often as you did it for one
 of my least brothers, you did it for me."
 Matthew 26:40*

On the last full weekend of each month, we have an opportunity to respond to Jesus' call for us to help those in need. Next weekend, **December 29 & 30**, is our Food Pantry and New Day Outreach weekend.

Food Pantry

This month our donations will go to the **Northbridge Association of Churches Food Pantry**. Please purchase an extra item or two when you do your shopping this week and bring them to church next weekend. Just a note: Food pantries are not allowed to distribute any food items that have expired; they have to throw them away. Please check expiration dates carefully if you bring an item from your home!

New Day

Monies received in the Good Shepherd Church replica on the last weekend of each month are used to help individuals and families from our parish, and also to support various community causes. Your generosity each month enables us to continue to help those in need.



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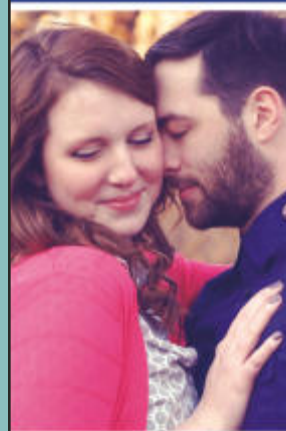
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