

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is shown from the side, with their arms outstretched towards the right. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with soft, out-of-focus light patterns, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YOU ALSO
MUST BE
PREPARED.

— MATTHEW 24:44 —

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 7:30 and 11:30 AM

Mondays and Fridays at 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3 - 3:30 PM at St. Matthew

Or by appointment,

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Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 AM

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**
†Richard Ray by his sister, Connie

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Rev. Cathal Price
by the Knights of Columbus
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
Holy Trinity parishioners & guests
11:30 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Tom Ross by Father Mark

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†For all holy souls in purgatory

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
†Rev. Michael S. Taylor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
†Ann Goodwin Pascale by the family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Victor & Eleanor VanDeMoere
by the family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**
†Albert Holtz by his railroad friends

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Mark Decoteau
by the Knights of Columbus
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
Holy Trinity parishioners & guests
11:30 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Craig Fleming by Ashley Laufenberg

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, November 29

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Matthew Church, 3:00 – 3:30 PM

Sunday, November 30

Rosary : Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 9:00 AM
Coffee & Donuts: after 9:30 Mass, Simard Hall

Monday, December 1

Men's Group: Pope Francis Hall, 6:30 – 7:30 AM
Morning Prayer: St. Matthew Church, 7:30 AM
Rosary: St. Matthew Church, 7:40 AM
Pastoral Council Meeting: Pope Francis Hall, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 2

Rosary: Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 7:30 AM
Questions & Answers
Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 8:30 AM

Wednesday, December 3

Knights of Columbus Meeting
Pope Francis Hall, 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 4

Rosary: Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 7:30 AM
Questions & Answers:
Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 8:30 AM

Friday, December 5

Morning Prayer: St. Matthew Church, 7:30 AM
Rosary: St. Matthew Church, 7:40 AM

Saturday, December 6

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Matthew Church, 3:00 – 3:30 PM
Catholic Daughters Meeting
Pope Francis Hall, 2:30 PM

Sunday, December 7

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
After 7:30 Mass, Pope Francis Hall
Rosary : Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 9:00 AM
Coffee & Donuts : after 9:30 Mass, Simard Hall

HOLY TRINITY PARISH ONLINE REGISTRATION

Register with the parish online!

Just log on to

holytrinityparish9.flocknote.com.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH PRAYER LINE



Holy Trinity Parish has a prayer line of dedicated women from the parish who pray for all in need. If you have someone you would like to pray for, please email Alma Grand at aegrand@gmail.com. and she will forward it to the prayer line.

PASTOR'S DESK

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Monday, December 1st at 7 PM at St. Matthew Church. All are welcome.

The Deanery Wide Advent Penance Service will be Sunday, December 7th at St. Andre Bessette Parish in Laconia at 1:30 PM. *Fr. Mark*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8, 2025

8:00 AM

St. Matthew Church

Noon

Our Lady of Grace Chapel

6:30 PM

St. Matthew Church



ADVENT GREENS

During the season of Advent, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World, our church will be decorated with evergreens. This long-standing Christian tradition reminds us of God's unchanging nature and the everlasting life we receive through Christ.

The **Advent Wreath**, made of evergreens and arranged in a circle, symbolizes God's eternity—without beginning or end. Each week we light a candle to mark our growing anticipation of Christ's birth. The **purple candles** represent royalty and repentance; the **pink candle** signifies joy.

Together, they point us toward the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Different greens have traditionally held symbolic meanings:

Cedar – strength and excellence

Fir & Pine – eternal life

Holly – Christ's suffering (sharp leaves)

Ivy – faithfulness and resurrection

Laurel/Bay – victory and triumph

Mistletoe – peace

May these evergreens remind us not only of God's promises, but also of the beauty of His creation as

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

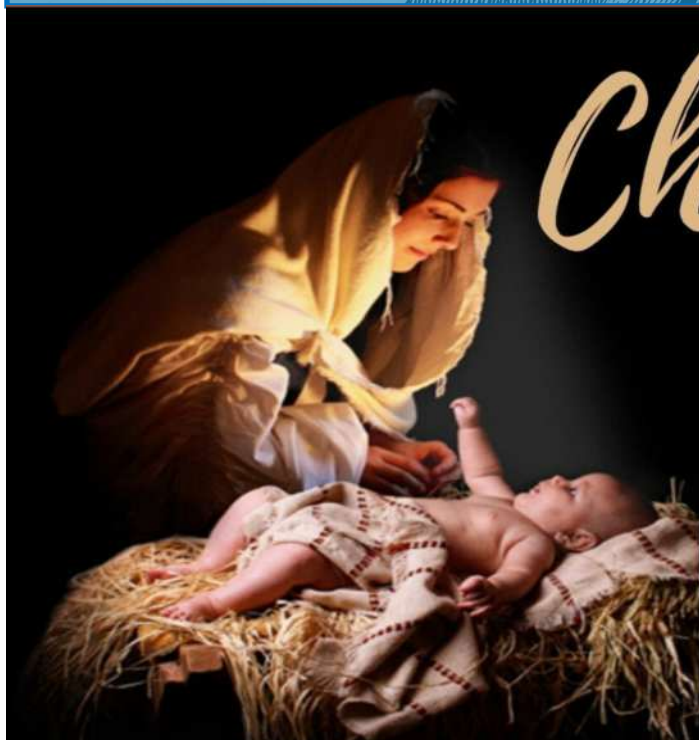
4:00 PM and 6:00 PM (Children's Mass)

Our Lady of Grace

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

St. Matthew Church



READINGS & OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

SUNDAY – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 2:1-5 / Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

Advent begins today! We enter a season of hopeful waiting as we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

MONDAY

Readings: Is 4:2-6 / Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mt 8:5-11

A quiet moment in Advent to "walk in the light of the Lord."

TUESDAY

Readings: Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk 10:21-24

Isaiah gives us a beautiful vision of the Messiah's peace.

WEDNESDAY – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Readings: Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Mt 15:29-37

St. Francis Xavier (1506–1552), a founding Jesuit and one of the Church's greatest missionaries, brought the Gospel to India, Japan, and beyond with extraordinary zeal and joy.

THURSDAY – ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Readings: Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a / Mt 7:21, 24-27

St. John Damascene (c. 675–749) defended sacred images and wrote beautiful hymns, helping shape the Church's understanding of worship and devotion.

FRIDAY

Readings: Is 29:17-24 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Mt 9:27-31

No special observance today. A reminder to trust that the Lord is our light and salvation.

SATURDAY – ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

St. Nicholas (c. 270–343), Bishop of Myra, is known for quiet generosity and charity—especially toward the poor—forming the roots of the Santa Claus tradition.

NEXT SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7) / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12*

STORM CANCELLATIONS

Winter weather is upon us! If there is a Monday or Friday with inclement weather, there will still be daily Mass in Plymouth. Please use your best judgment as to whether to drive, you can also watch on livestream.

If there is stormy weather in Bristol and there is no school in Bristol or a two hour delay, there will be NO daily Mass or Adoration (Thursday) at Our Lady of Grace, but Fr. Mark will celebrate Mass in Plymouth and livestream it.

Resources to check for Cancellations:

- WMUR
- E Mail.... You will be e mailed info on cancellations for daily Mass, programs & events
- Facebook (Holy Trinity News and Info)
- Instagram (HolyTrinityNH)

FORMED.ORG PRESENTS:

HOW TO ADVENT



Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose

and intention! In How to Advent, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. You will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene.

There are four episodes in this show that are between 12 and 15 minutes.

Parishioners can watch this show plus hundreds more on FORMED.org for free. Just log in to formed.org to watch!

**PEMI CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT SERIES
SONGS BY THE HEARTH**

The theme for the Pemi Choral Society's 2025 winter program is "Songs by the Hearth." Selections include seasonal pieces drawn from many sources and feature both traditional carols as well as less familiar offerings from earlier centuries up until modern times.

This year's three-concert series begins at Gilford Community Church on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 pm. Performances follow at Inter-Lakes Middle/High School in Meredith on Friday, December 5 (7:30 pm) and at Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University on Sunday, December 7 (3:00 pm).

All concerts feature free admission with open seating. Patrons who wish to can provide a free-will donation at the door.

**BRISTOL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Bristol Knights of Columbus are seeking volunteers for the BCS Secret Santa Program, now in its 40th year of providing new clothing, personal items, and toys to children in need in the Newfound and Bridgewater districts. Volunteers can shop for a child (with program funds or by donating items), help organize gifts, or assist with distribution on the first three weekends of December.

If you can help, please contact **Kim or Jim Cooper** at 603-671-3203 or newfoundsecretsanta@gmail.com. Donations may be sent to: BCS Secret Santa, 24 Pleasant St., Bristol, NH 03222.



**Holy Trinity Parish
Giving Tree**

is up at the back of St. Matthew Church.
Take a tag, buy the gift, wrap it with tag on
front of gift and bring back to
St. Matthew Church by December 14th.

You're Invited!

**Come Join Us
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Caroling!**

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Thursdays in
December 4-5 PM

Come join us or
gather your own group for another
night carol sing-along or
just come listen!

Merry Christmas!!

**Holy Trinity Parish
Cookies And Caroling
Sunday, December 14th**

NOON AT SIMARD HALL
(underneath our Lady of Grace)

Writing cards and wrapping cookies

1:00 PM:

Deliver cookies and carol
at assisted living facilities,
and to the homebound.

Plymouth Knights of Columbus

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Pope Francis Hall

After the 7:30 AM Mass

Proceeds go to Knights Charities



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For the remainder of November and the entire month of December, the bulletin has to be published on the Monday before that coming weekend. That means that submissions must be in by the Friday preceding at noon.

Thank you for your help with this!

If you have questions, email Chris Chiasson, bulletin editor.

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