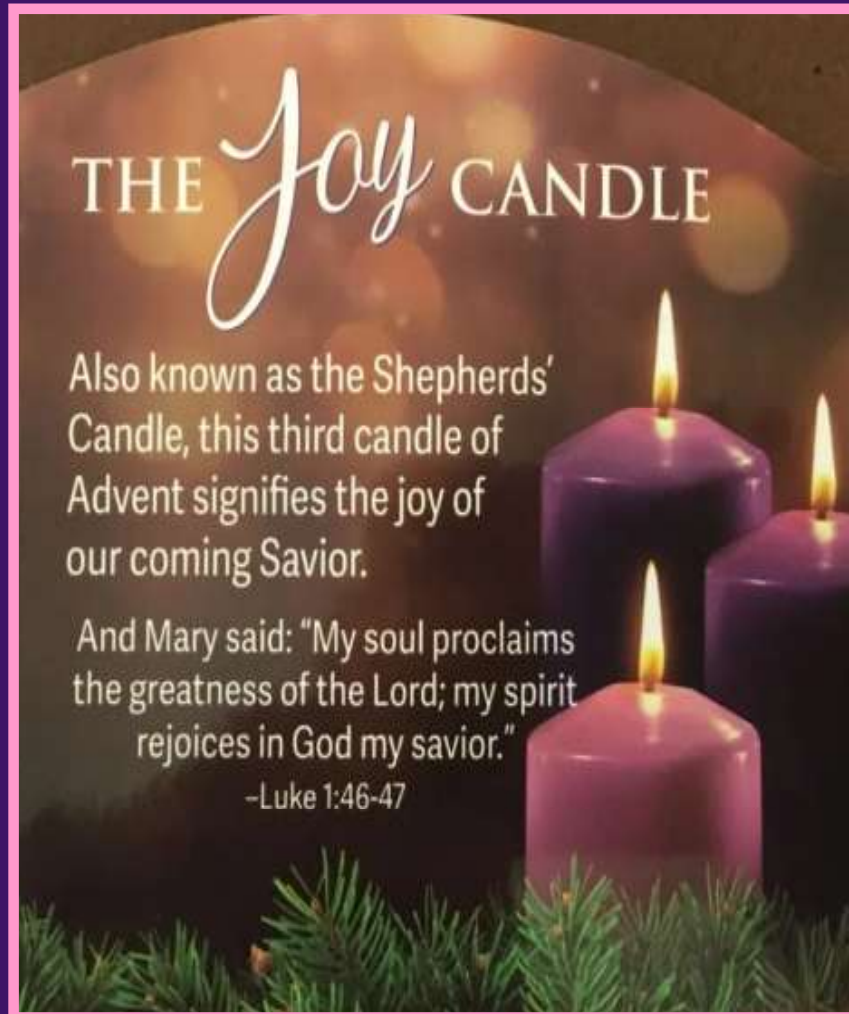


Saint Michael Parish

Hudson, Massachusetts



Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Music for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2025

Processional Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

SSM26 #272

1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, And
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That
2. or - der all things might - i - ly; To
3. own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; From

1. mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -
2. us the path of knowl - edge show, And
3. depths of hell thy peo - ple save, And

1. til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re -
3. give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O

Is - ra - el.

Text: *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*, 9th c.; Tr. John M. Neale and Henry S. Coffin.
Melody: VENI EMMANUEL, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.) with refrain; 15th c. French; Adapt. Thomas Helmore.

Offertory Hymn:

BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Dan Schutte

Refrain



Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our
hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home
be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels

Verses



sing.

1. Our eyes have longed to see	your lov - ing
2. Your roads have led us, Lord,	'cross des - ert
3. Up - on our dark-ness, Lord,	a light has
4. With shin - ing star at night,	and cloud by
5. When life's great jour - ney ends,	and day is

to Refrain



1. face,	to live with - in your courts	for all our days.
2. sand.	We place our hopes and dreams	with - in your hand.
3. shone.	You chose to dwell with us	in flesh and bone.
4. day,	you brought us here to see	your love's dis - play.
5. done,	then may our eyes be - hold	your Ho - ly One.

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Communion Hymn:

COME, LORD! MARANATHA/COME NOW, EMMANUEL!

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Verses



1. Now is the time to wake from sleep; sal - va - tion is
2. Cast off the deeds of the dark. Put on the
3. Con-stant - ly watch, stay a - wake. No one can
4. In-crease in faith; a - bound in love. Strength-en our



1. close at hand. Mov - ing from night
2. ar - mor of light. Turn to the source
3. know the time. Wheth - er at dusk
4. hearts this day. So be on your guard and



1. in - to day, lift up your voic - es and pray:
2. of the day. Lift up your voic - es and pray:
3. or at dawn, we sing this prayer and song:
4. stay a - wake. Come, lift up your voic - es and pray:

Refrain



Come, Lord! Ma - ra - na - tha! Come and bring us your peace.



Come, Lord, Ma - ra - na - tha! Come to us; set us



free. Come, Lord, and bring us your peace.

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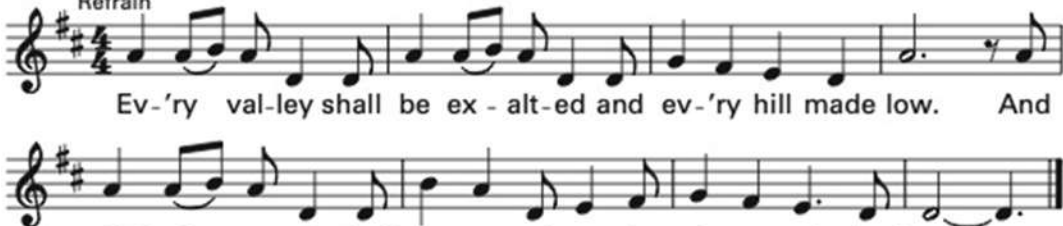
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Recessional Hymn:

EVERY VALLEY

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Ev-'ry val-ley shall be ex-alt-ed and ev-'ry hill made low. And
all God's peo-ple shall see to-geth-er the glo-ry of the Lord.

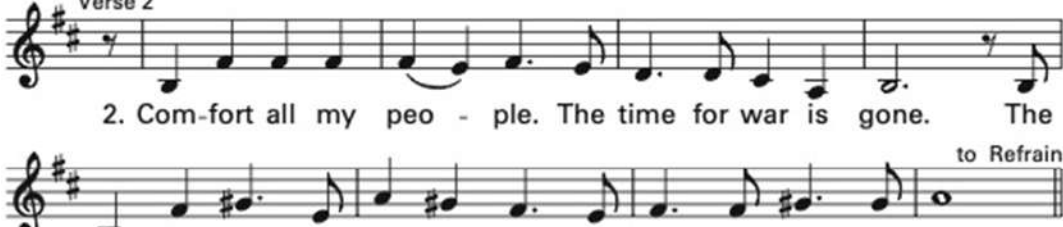
Verses 1, 3



1. A voice cries out in the wil-der-ness, "Pre-pare the way
3. Stand up-on the moun-tain-top. O lift your voice
1. of the Lord. Make straight in the des-ert a
3. to the world. Sing joy-ful-ly, Je-
1. high-way, a high-way for our God."
3. ru-sa-lem: "Be-hold, be-hold your God."

to Refrain

Verse 2



2. Com-fort all my peo-ple. The time for war is gone. The
2. blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall leap for joy.

to Refrain

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Gaudete Sunday

Greetings, brothers and sisters! Welcome Gaudete Sunday! Our third candle, the rose candle, is lit this weekend to signify Joy! The Church lightens the penitential tone of Advent, emphasizing joy because the Lord is near. In the midst of our solemn reflection on our sinfulness and our desire to amend our lives, the Church inserts a moment to recollect the great joy awaiting us with Christ's birth – the light that dispels the darkness that surrounds us. Mankind had awaited this coming for millennia. At a specific point in time some 2,000 years ago, Jesus our Savior 'condescended' himself – stooped down in loving humility from His kingdom in heaven, to be born in a poor stable manger - in order to show us His way and lift up humanity so that we might merit salvation. Our readings this weekend reflect the anticipation of that forthcoming joy!

Our first reading from Isaiah speaks of images of hope amidst suffering. The desert blooms, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame leap! "Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, and to the frightened – be strong, fear not!" To a people that had known so much darkness, these words of Isaiah would have seemed like a comet blazing across the sky. A new day is dawning.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck

The verses of our Psalm (146) reflect the same hope. God gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down, and protects strangers, widows, and orphans. At some point in our lives, we are all blind, bowed down by the weight of our miseries, and are neglected strangers, widows and orphans even among each other. God heals, and his birth marks our restoration in faith with Him in a new way!

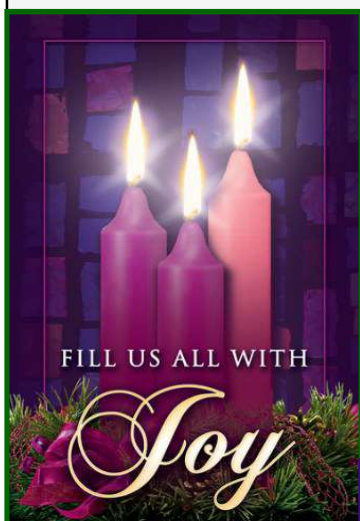
St. James reminds us in the second reading to be patient – like a farmer who must wait for the harvest. He offers us the image of the prophets as examples of faithfulness and endurance when darkness surrounds us. How challenging that can be! All of the saints reflected this similar patient endurance and perseverance – because they understood the joy to come!

In our gospel, John sends his messengers to ask Jesus if he is the 'one who is to come'. Some scholars have surmised that this wasn't so much to answer a doubt that John experienced, but to shore up the hope of his messengers with the knowledge of what John already knew – that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus' response confirms the reality of His presence among us. Further, quoting Malachi 3:1, Jesus publicly highlights the significance of John the Baptist. And yet, even the least in God's kingdom is greater than he. This is the promise that Jesus has for those who trust in Him!

There is great reason for joy at this time in our Advent journey: In Jesus is the fulfillment of the coming Messiah. In the midst of the hectic pace we are keeping with everything about holiday planning, remember to spend some quiet time to thank Jesus for so willingly coming to save us. It pleases His heart so greatly!

REJOICE!

Deacon Chuck



For more about Advent, check out our website at <https://www.stmikes.org/advent-season>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. December 13, 9 a.m.	Maria Soares
Sat. December 13, 4 p.m.	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. December 14, 8 a.m.	Maria Russo
	James Buonopane
	Deceased Members of the Charlot Family
	Joao Fontes
	Deceased Members of the Joao Sousa Family
Sun. December 14, 10 a.m.	Private Intention
Wed. December 17, 9 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu. December 18, 9 a.m.	Abilio Fernandes
Fri. December 19, 9 a.m.	Mary & Lawrence Leary
Sat. December 20, 9 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat. December 20, 4 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun. December 21, 8 a.m.	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. December 21, 10 a.m.	Maria Rosa Braga
	Matthew Steen
	Barbara and Kay Gilroy
	Deceased Members of the Jose Fontes Family
	Deceased Members of the Maria Fontes Family

December Sponsors

*Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Maria Rosa Braga
Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Mary & Lawrence Leary,
Bob Alexander and Carol Radford*

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Portuguese

9:15 a.m. Chapel
11:30 a.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

Daily Mass: English

Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Portuguese

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration
(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

First Fridays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration Only

Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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* MASS INTENTION * ALTAR CANDLES * BREAD & WINE *

If you would like to reserve a Mass for someone, sponsor Altar Candles or Bread & Wine, please contact the parish office.

Note the new Mass Intention book is now open for reserving a Mass from now through June 2026.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16—Ladies Sodality, 1:00 p.m., Parish Center. Speaker: Linda Driscoll.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17—Advent Penance Service, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Upper Church.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21—Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners to be announced, 10:00 a.m. Mass, Upper Church.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses (see schedule for details).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26—The Parish Center will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24 and be closed all day on both December 25 and December 26—Merry Christmas!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation), 6:00 p.m., Portuguese, Lower Church.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31—The Parish Center will close at 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation), 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., English, Upper Church | 10:30 a.m., Portuguese, Upper Church.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1—The Parish Center will be closed all day.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2—First Friday Adoration, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., English, Upper Church | 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Portuguese, Lower Church. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3—St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Parish Center (immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4—Join us for Coffee and Donuts following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Parish Center.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8—Walking With Purpose, 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Parish Center.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8—Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Lower Church

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

November 25–December 1, 2025*

*We are catching up with providing totals from the previous weeks due to earlier printer deadlines for the bulletin.

This will occur throughout the holiday season.

Thank you for your patience.

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory
In-Pew	\$10,231
Online Giving	\$2,324
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,555

On-line Giving

Please consider this type of giving as it is better for the Parish. Thank you.

If this is difficult for you to set up on your own, please feel free to call Marcy at the parish center and she can assist you.



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Increased Offertory Update

If you have not yet responded, please drop your pledge form in the Sunday basket or send it back in the mail. It will help us keep our records up to date. Thank you.

Upcoming 2nd Collections

December 14—St. Vincent de Paul

December 21—No second collection

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 17

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Upper Church



WHAT IS ADVENT ALL ABOUT?

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent, from the Latin word "ad-venire" meaning "to come to", is the season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent Season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).
-United Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Advent Season
LEARN MORE

Advent Prayers
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Advent Calendar
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OUR FATHER'S TABLE

St. Michael's Parish, a member of Our Father's Table, is collecting men's, women's and children's winter hats, gloves and mittens, as these are the most needed items to be distributed to those in need in our local communities. Boxes are located in the upper and lower entrances of the church and last pick up will be Sunday, December 14. If you are unable to drop off your items at the church, please call Ann at 978-562-7668 and we can come by and pick up your donated items. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!!

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who was able to take a tag from one of the Giving Trees to help a needy child in our community. A reminder that all gifts must be returned to the church by Saturday, December 13, wrapped and with tags attached. Sponsored by the Hudson Chapter of St Vincent De Paul.

"Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" MT 25:40

MASS SCHEDULE — CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve



4:00 p.m. English, Upper Church
6:00 p.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church
11:45 p.m. Midnight Mass, English, Upper Church

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. English, Upper Church
11:30 a.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church



MASS SCHEDULE — SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Lower Church

Thursday, January 1

9:00 a.m. English, Upper Church
10:30 a.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church
7:00 p.m. English, Upper Church

LADIES SODALITY

The Ladies' Sodality meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Our speaker this month is Linda Driscoll. We are also sponsoring a drawing for a 32" TV. To purchase tickets, you may call Martha 978-562-2705 or Noemia at 978-568-1340. Tickets are 3 chances for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on Sunday, January 18 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church. Proceeds to benefit St. Michael's Parish. Good luck!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry will start up again in January. We create knitted or crocheted wraps for the homebound, people in hospitals, new mom's, the elderly, anyone who is in need of a warm hug or a shawl. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, there is always someone there who can help—beginners are welcome! We will meet on Monday, January 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Parish Center. Bring yourself and a friend, a knitting project you have going, or just some needles and yarn and a desire to learn. Questions? Please email Pat at moepatty@comcast.net - See you there!

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

"Estamos na segunda semana do Advento. Sigamos vigilantes, esperanços e em oração para recebermos a Luz do Mundo, pra chegada de Jesus. Vem Senhor Jesus!"

HORÁRIOS DE MISSAS

* Domingos:

Missa Portuguesa: 9:15 a.m.

Missa Brasileira: 11:30 a.m.

* Segundas-feiras:

Confissões: 6:00 p.m.

Santa Missa: 7:00 p.m.

ORAÇÕES EM COMUNIDADE

* Terças-feiras:

Grupo de Jovens: 7:30 p.m.

* Quartas-feiras:

Terço das Mães: 6:30 p.m.

Terço dos Homens: 8:00 p.m.

* Primeira Sextas-feiras de cada mês:

Encontro do Apostolado de Oração: 7:15 p.m.

Missa do Sagrado Coração de Jesus com Adoração:
8:00p.m.

CATEQUESE

Já estão acontecendo os encontros de catequese para crianças, adolescentes e adultos. Maiores info. podem entrar em contato com as catequistas:

*Sumaya(Crianças e Adolecentes):5089485083

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ÁRVORE da GENEROSIDADE

Agradecemos a todos que puderam pegar uma etiqueta de uma das Árvores da Generosidade para ajudar uma criança carente em nossa comunidade. Lembramos que todos os presentes devem ser devolvidos à igreja até sábado, 13 de dezembro, embrulhados e com as etiquetas anexadas. Patrocinado pela Seção Hudson de São Vicente de Paulo. "Em verdade vos digo que, sempre que o fizestes a um destes meus irmãos mais pequeninos, a mim o fizestes."

Mt 25:40

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DEZEMBRO 25, 11:30AM

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