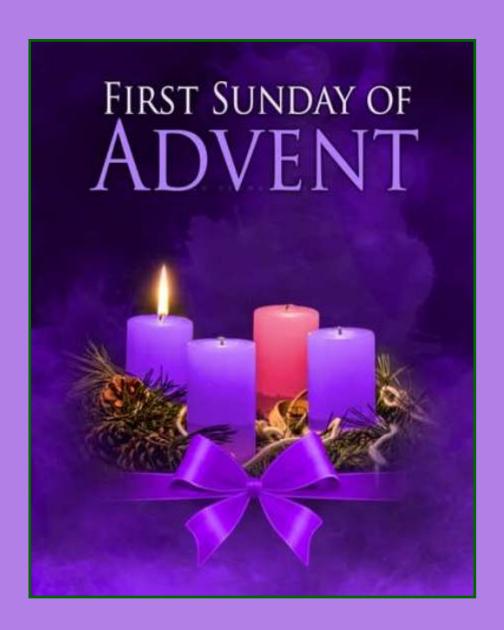
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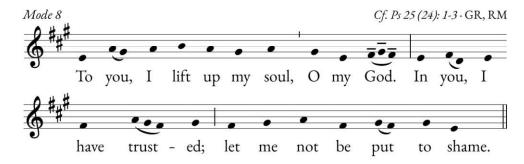
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Music for the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

Processional Hymn: Missal #165 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

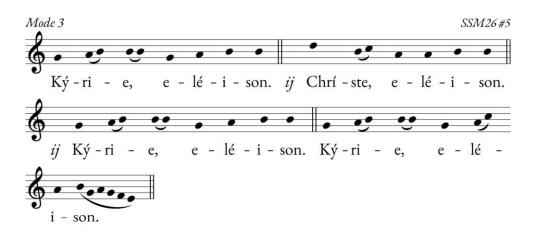
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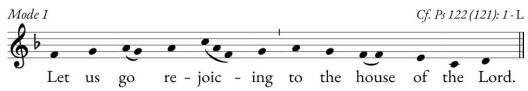
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Kyrie:



Melody: XI-XIII c., Kyriale Romanum with episemas.

Responsorial Psalm 122:



Ps 122 (121): 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

- y. Jerusalem, built as a city
 with compact unity.

 To it the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD.
- According to the decree for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

 In it are set up judgment seats,
 seats for the house of David.
- v. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

 May those who love you prosper!

 May peace be within your walls,

 prosperity in your buildings.
- Because of my brothers and friends
 I will say, "Peace be within you!"
 Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
 I will pray for your good.

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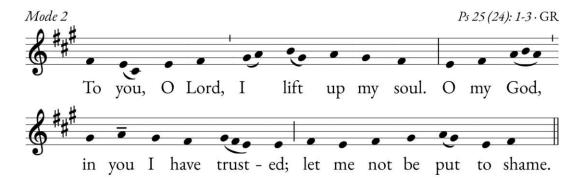
Gospel Acclamation: Missal p. 90



Ps 85 (84): 8

v. Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

Offertory Antiphon:



Additional Antiphon Text

v. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

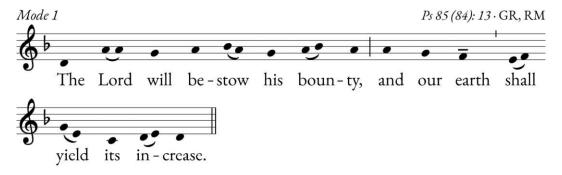
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Offertory Hymn: Missal #170 Creator of the Stars of Night

Eucharistic Acclamations: Missa Primitiva

Communion Antiphon:



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Communion Hymn:





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Hymn of Praise: Missal #272 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Recessional Hymn: Missal #270 O Come, Divine Messiah

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First Sunday of Advent

This weekend we step into Advent, a sacred season of anticipation and hope—a time when the Church invites us to watch, to prepare, and to open our hearts anew to the coming of Christ. The readings for this First Sunday of Advent set the tone with a clear spiritual summons: *be awake, be ready, be expectant.*

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear one of Scripture's most compelling visions of peace. Isaiah proclaims a future in which "all nations shall stream" to the mountain of the Lord, where God Himself will teach humanity His ways. It is a vision where people "beat their swords into plowshares," transforming instruments of violence into tools for cultivating life. Advent always begins with this promise: that God is not distant, that His light is breaking into our darkness, and that we are called—right now—to walk in that light.

St. Paul, in the second reading from Romans, intensifies this call by telling us to "wake from sleep" because "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Paul doesn't speak of fear or anxiety but of urgency rooted in hope. He invites

us to cast off what weighs down our souls and to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Advent, then, is not passive waiting—it is active preparation, a turning of the heart, a recommitment to living as disciples in a world hungry for God's love.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared Auclair

Finally, in the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the hour of His coming. He uses everyday images—people working, living, carrying out normal tasks—to show that the Christian life is not about waiting on a mountaintop, but about living faithfully in the ordinary moments of our days. "Stay awake!" Jesus says. This wakefulness is not restlessness; it is spiritual attentiveness—remaining aware of God's presence and ready to respond in love.

One of the most visible symbols of this season is the Advent wreath, a simple circle of evergreens holding four candles. Each element speaks to the heart of the readings this week. The circle reminds us of God's eternal nature—no beginning, no end. The evergreen branches represent hope and life that endure even in the cold and darkness. And on this First Sunday, we light the first purple candle, often called the *Candle of Hope* or *Prophecy*. Its flame pierces the growing winter darkness much like Isaiah's proclamation pierces our world's anxiety and noise.

The slow growing brightness of the wreath mirrors the slow but certain dawning of God's Kingdom in our own hearts. Each candle invites us to reflect: How is Christ asking me to prepare room for Him? Where am I being called to awaken? How can I help bring His light to someone living in darkness?



This week, I encourage each of us to reclaim a sense of holy attentiveness. Perhaps that means spending a few extra minutes in prayer near the Advent wreath at home. Perhaps it means reaching out to someone who needs encouragement. Perhaps it means letting go of a habit or distraction that pulls us away from God.

Advent is God's reminder that He comes not only at the end of time, not only in the Nativity we prepare to celebrate, but into our lives today—into our joys, our struggles, our families, our workplace, our communities. Let us be ready to receive Him.

May this holy season awaken in us a renewed longing for Christ, a deeper hope in His promises, and hearts prepared to welcome Him with joy. Come, Lord Jesus!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. November 29, 9 a.m. Maria Teresa Sat. November 29, 4 p.m. Private Intention

Sun. November 30, 8 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

Sun. November 30, 10 a.m. Residents of Artisan—Mass for the Living

Roger Taylor Mary Dupre

Jeanne Maria Valborge James DiGeronimo

Wed, December 3, 9 a.m. Fr. Tony Lalli
Thu. December 4, 9 a.m. Carol Radford
Fri. December 5, 9 a.m. Lawrence Fabbri

Sat. December 6, 9 a.m. Thomas & Estelle Walsh Sat. December 6, 4 p.m. Jose & Maria Nordelo

Francis Walsh and Francis Walsh, Jr.

Catherine Tagliani Mary Denine Neli Leandres

Sun. December 7, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. December 7, 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8 7 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 6 p.m.—English, Upper Church

7 p.m.—Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church

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)

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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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30—Advent begins!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 through FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12—Archdiocesan Novena—500th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, beginning December 4 and concluding December 12, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6—St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Parish Center (following the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, See schedule for Mass times. (Holy Day of Obligation)

<u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>DECEMBER 9</u>—Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Matthias, 409 Hemenway Street, Marlborough.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10—Keep Christ in Christmas posters are due to be returned at the Faith Formation class. Thank you to all who participated!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10—Advent Retreat, A Night of Reflection, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Upper Church. Deacon Jared will lead our Faith Formation series for this evening—all are welcome!

<u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>DECEMBER 16</u>—Ladies Sodality, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Parish Center.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 through FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26—St. Michael Parish Center will be closed—Merry Christmas!

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN COVER

The stained glass window of Christ the King which was featured on the cover of last weekend's bulletin was originally located in the Christ the King Church on



Central Street in Hudson. When that church closed in 2005, the window was relocated to our lower chapel. The photo was taken by Hudson photographer Jim DeLuco. Thank you, Jim!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

November 11-17, 2025*

*We are catching up with providing totals from the previous week due to Thanksgiving Holiday and our early Printer deadlines for the bulletin.

This will occur throughout the holiday season.

Thank you for your patience.

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory	Hurricane Relief
In-Pew	\$8870	\$3923
Online Giving	\$1867	0
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,737	\$3923

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

November 30— No second collection

December 7—Parish Maintenance & Development

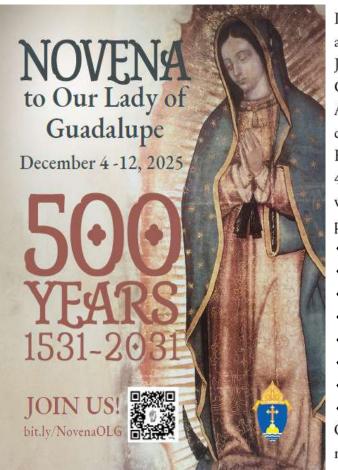
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS ADULT CHOIR

Come join in singing for the beautiful seasons of Advent & Christmas! Rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Lower Church on Thursday evenings: Dec. 4, 11 & 18. Contact Paula at Paula@stmikes.org

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Calling children grades 1-4 and their parents to join us as we create Christmas Cards for the homebound, sending a note of cheer this holiday season. We will meet in the Parish Center, Sunday December 7 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

ARCHDIOCESAN NOVENA 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



In 2031, the Church will joyfully commemorate the 500th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac, near present-day Mexico City. Pope Francis, before his passing, invited all peoples of the Americas to begin preparing spiritually for this historic celebration. In response to the Holy Father's call, Archbishop Henning is launching an Archdiocesan Novena from December 4 to December 12, 2025. Each evening of the nine-day Novena will be hosted by a different parish and we encourage you to participate in one of the Novena evenings at a hosting parish:

- Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish, Salem
- · All Saints Parish, Haverhill
- · Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston
- · St. Paul Parish, Hingham
- Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston
- · Christ the King Parish, Brockton
- St. Anthony Parish, Somerville
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Marlborough

Go to https://www.evangelizeboston.com/olg-novena/ for more information.

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 beginning the weekend of November 29. 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

Please consider taking a tag from one of the Giving Trees located in the upper and lower church, and use the info on the tag to purchase a gift or two for a needy child. 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 — SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8

7:00 a.m. English, Upper Church 9:00 a.m. English, Upper Church 6:00 p.m. English, Upper Church

7:00 p.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church

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

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

"Dia de Ação de Graças"

Apresentemos nossa gratidão ao Senhor nosso Deus e que Ele nos conceda um coração generoso, caridoso que sabe amar ao próximo.

"Dai graças ao Senhor porque Ele è bom e eterna è a sua misericórdia."Sal.106 Happy Thanksgiving!

HORÁRIOS DE MISSAS

* Domingos:

Missa Portuguesa: 9:15 a.m. Missa Brasileira:11:30 a.m.

* <u>Segundas-feiras:</u> Confissões: 6:00 p.m. Santa Missa: 7:00 p.m.

SOLENIDADE DA IMACULADA CONCEIÇÃO DA BEM-AVENTURADA VIRGEM MARIA

* Segunda-feira, 8 de dezembro

Missa Portuguesa/Brasileira: 7:00 p.m., Igreja Superior

VÉSPERA DE NATAL E DIA DE NATAL

* Quarta-feira, 24 de dezembro — Véspera de Natal Missa Portuguesa/Brasileira: 6:00 p.m., Igreja Superior

* Quinta-feira, 25 de dezembro — Dia de Natal Missa Portuguesa/Brasileira: 11.30 a.m., Igreja Superior

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.

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"Em verdade lhes digo que tudo que vcs fizeram a algum desses meus pequenos irmãos,a mim fizeram."Mt 25:40

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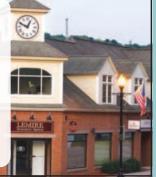
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