# Sacred Heart Parish

December 14, 2025 Roslindale, MA



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Is 35:4

### III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

iÁnimo! No teman. He aquí que su Dios, vengador y justiciero, viene ya para salvarlos. Is 35, 4

## **†** From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

Here are the highlights of the most recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting held on Monday, December 1st.

As the Christmas season approaches there was a concern that I. C. E. is going to be concentrating their efforts on houses of worship to apprehend congregants that fit their criteria for arrest. All parishes have been instructed not to interfere with the work of law enforcement officials. Sacred Heart has made "know your rights" cards and flyers in Spanish, Haitian Creole and English to instruct parishioners what can be done in the event of an interaction with authorities at one's home. The priests have been addressing this from the pulpit and in their conversations with parishioners. The Council also decided to devote an equal amount of discussion and pastoral responses to all other pro-life issues such as care for the unborn, the death penalty and physician assisted suicide.

International crises affecting our brothers and sisters in Nigeria and Haiti among others were discussed including the history behind these conflicts. Having these parts of our world and church community prayed for regularly at Mass would be ongoing. A list of local food resources for those suffering from food insecurity was presented for approval and they will be available at the entrances of the churches and continually updated. The Roslindale Food Pantry is in need of assistance every other Tuesday to help unload and sort donated items. We have not decided to rejoin the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization as of yet. A representative from the GBIO should be invited to a future council meeting to answer more in depth questions. Both the Pastoral and Finance Councils have been invited to a meeting with Archbishop Henning on January 31st. Along with other councils from the area, we will hear what his vision and expectations are for these important advisory groups to the Pastor and for the good of the parish.

A suggestion for all congregants to wear name tags periodically was tabled until the next meeting on January 5th.

Remember that our meetings are open to all parishioners and if you have a matter you would like to have discussed, please let me, Father Succes or another member know. I am grateful for the work that they do and for their honesty and candor.

Peace,

Father Clary

### Saint John of the Cross

Doctor of the Church, John is also one of its great mystics and poets. Born Juan de Yepes de Alvarez in Spain, he was raised by his mother and entered a Carmelite monastery in 1563. He was ordained in 1567. Finding the Carmelites very lax, he joined with St. Teresa of Avila to reform the order. In 1568, he entered the first reformed house for men, taking the name John of the Cross. He encountered severe opposition and was even imprisoned for nine months in a monastery cell, where he began writing poems. The Dark Night of the Soul is his most famous work. Only after his death was John recognized as co-founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is the patron saint of mystics and poets.

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We must dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides.

-Saint John of the Cross

## Del Escritorio del Párroco 🕈

Queridos Parroquianos del Sagrado Corazón,

A continuación, se presentan los aspectos más destacados de la última reunión del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, celebrada el lunes 1 de diciembre.

Con la llegada de la Navidad, existía la preocupación de que el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) concentrara sus esfuerzos en los lugares de culto para detener a los feligreses que cumplan con los criterios de arresto. Se ha instruido a todas las parroquias a no interferir con la labor de las fuerzas del orden. El Sagrado Corazón ha elaborado tarjetas y folletos de "conozca sus derechos" en español, criollo haitiano e inglés para instruir a los feligreses sobre qué pueden hacer en caso de interacción con las autoridades en su domicilio. Los sacerdotes han abordado este tema desde el púlpito y en sus conversaciones con los feligreses. El Consejo también decidió dedicar la misma cantidad de tiempo a la discusión y a las respuestas pastorales a todos los demás temas provida, como la atención a los no nacidos, la pena de muerte y el suicidio asistido por un médico.

Se discutieron las crisis internacionales que afectan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Nigeria y Haití, entre otros, incluyendo la historia detrás de estos conflictos. Se continuará orando por estas partes de nuestro mundo y nuestra comunidad eclesial regularmente durante la misa. Se presentó para aprobación una lista de recursos alimentarios locales para quienes sufren inseguridad alimentaria, la cual estará disponible en las entradas de las iglesias y se actualizará continuamente. La Despensa de Alimentos de Roslindale necesita ayuda cada dos martes para ayudar a descargar y clasificar los artículos donados. Aún no hemos decidido volver a unirnos a la Organización Interreligiosa del Gran Boston. Se invitará a un representante de la GBIO a una futura reunión del consejo para responder preguntas más detalladas. Tanto el Consejo Pastoral como el de Finanzas han sido invitados a una reunión con el Arzobispo Henning el 31 de enero. Junto con otros consejos de la zona, escucharemos su visión y expectativas para estos importantes grupos asesores del párroco y para el bien de la parroquia.

Se pospuso la sugerencia de que todos los feligreses usaran etiquetas con su nombre periódicamente hasta la próxima reunión del 5 de enero.

Recuerden que nuestras reuniones están abiertas a todos los feligreses y, si tienen algún tema que les gustaría tratar, por favor, háganmelo saber a mí, al Padre Succes o a otro miembro. Les agradezco su trabajo y su honestidad y franqueza.

La Paz,

Padre Clary





## MASSES SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS HORARIO DE MISAS PARA LA NAVIDAD

## DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 24 DE DICIEMBRE

4:00 pm: Upper Church: English/Inglés 7:00 pm: Iglesia Arriba: Español/Spanish

## DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 25 DE DICIEMBRE

8:00 am Lower Church/English 10:00 am: Upper Church: English/Inglés 12:00 pm: Iglesia Arriba: Español/Spanish





### GAUDETE SUNDAY

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is

marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. Today's Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy: "Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

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Sacred Heart STEM School is looking for a Preschool Teacher's Assistant to help nurture and guide our littlest learners. This full-time position runs 8:30 am – 5:30 pm and begins at \$17/hour. Parishioners and community members interested in serving our children are encouraged to reach out to Principal Caitlin Sullivan at csullivan@sacredheart-boston.org

La Escuela STEM Sacred Heart está buscando un Asistente de Maestra de Preescolar para ayudar a cuidar y guiar a nuestros estudiantes más pequeños. Este puesto de tiempo completo es de 8:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. y comienza con un salario de \$17 por hora. Se invita a los feligreses y miembros de la comunidad interesados en servir a nuestros niños a comunicarse con la Directora Caitlin Sullivan a csullivan@sacredheart-boston.org

Lekòl STEM Sacred Heart ap chèche yon Asistan Pwofesè pou Maternèl pou ede pran swen ak gide pi piti elèv nou yo. Pozisyon a plen tan sa a se soti 8:30 a.m. rive 5:30 p.m., ak salè ki kòmanse a \$17 pa èdtan. Manm pawas la ak moun nan kominote a ki enterese sèvi timoun nou yo ankouraje pou kontakte Direktè a, Caitlin Sullivan, nan csullivan@sacredheart-boston.org



#### **Keeping Our Community Healthy**

Respiratory illnesses are in full swing this fall. As a reminder, please do not come to church if you are feeling unwell. While a cold might be easy for some to overcome, we have others in the parish who are immunocompromised and can't fight common illnesses without significant stress on their bodies. These efforts will help to keep our fellow parishioners and priests safe and well. If you are unable to come to mass due to illness, please make sure to watch the live stream in English and Spanish avaiable via the Sacred Heart Parish web-



site

#### Mantener a nuestra comunidad saludable

Las enfermedades respiratorias están en pleno apogeo este otoño. Como recordatorio, por favor, no venga a la iglesia si no se siente bien. Si bien un resfriado

puede ser fácil de superar para algunos, tenemos otros en la parroquia que están inmunocomprometidos y no pueden combatir enfermedades comunes sin un estrés significativo en sus cuerpos. Estos esfuerzos ayudarán a mantener a nuestros compañeros feligreses y sacerdotes sanos y salvos. Si no puede venir a misa debido a una enfermedad, por favor asegúrese de ver la transmisión en vivo en inglés y en español disponible través del sitio web de Sacred Heart Parish.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE WHO SHARE IN CHRIST'S SUFFERING THROUGH ILLNESS: Martina Aguguo - Lucy Algere Knox - Yaritza Baerga - Danielle Broderick - Francisca Cruz - Tara Daniels

- Christine Carroll - Kathleen McKeown - Gabriela Gonzalez - James Gordon - Kathy Hardiman - Chet Havey - Richard Fraser - Andres Hernandez - Ileana Thompson - Anthony Iarrobino - Christopher Keegan - Carmine Lavoi - Robert Lynch - Barbara McAveeney - Jennifer McGoldrick - Helen Kearns Moffie - Bridget Mulkerrin - Rhonda Owens - Jahaidy Nova - Marie Poledo Monica Santiago - Evelyn Shanahan - Midge Whelan - Jason Lamb - David Rosario - Elaido Orozco - May Christ heal all their ills.





Let us pray for those who have served and are serving in our armed forces, that their suffering and service lead to a peace-filled world, especially for our parishioners:

Samantha Stuke, Chad Courville, O'Neil Joseph, John E. Lee, III, Billie O'Brien, Brian Gillis, Isaac Buck, and Alex Alcántara.

May Christ protect them and bring them back home safely.



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#### READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

Third Sunday of Advent SUNDAY Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10./Jas 5:7-10/Mt Dec 14

11:2-11

MONDAY Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt

Dec 15

TUESDAY Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19+23/Mt

21:28-32 Dec 16

WEDNESDAY Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

THURSDAY Dec 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

FRIDAY

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-

Dec 19

SATURDAY

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Dec 20 SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 21

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6./Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Pilot Bulletins** 

### Mass Intentions

## SACRED HEART WEEKLY MASSES

#### SATURDAY, December 13

8:30 am Weekday Mass: No Intention 4:00 pm Thomas F. & Anna C. Robinson Memorial 7:00 pm Sunday Mass: No Intention

#### SUNDAY, December 14

8:00 am Sacred Heart Parish

10:00 am Ann, Edward & Joseph Gallagher and Steven Anniversary

& Roy Hibbard, Leo & Paul

12:00 pm Blanca Velasquez Flores Memorial

5:15 pm Sunday Mass: No Intention

#### MONDAY, December 15

8:30 am Weekday Mass: No Intention

#### TUESDAY, December 16

8:30 am Mauricio, Diana, Matthew & Ryan Special Intention

#### WEDNESDAY, December 17

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

7:00 pm Weekday Mass: No Intention

#### THURSDAY, December 18

8:30 am Weekday Mass: No Intention

#### FRIDAY, December 19

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY, December 20

8:30 am Marie Claude Casseus 4:00 pm William Richtberg Memorial

7:00 pm Sunday Mass: No Intention

#### SUNDAY, December 21

8:00 am Sacred Heart Parish

10:00 am Bill & Mary O'Brien Memorial 12:00 pm Leonardo Perez, Blanca Velasquez Memorial Esteban & Sonalis Mateo

5:15 pm Joseph Mutascio Aniversario Bodas Memorial

### Parish Finances & Stewardship

#### Sacred Heart Parish, Roslindale, MA

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	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER
Week	2023	2024	2025
1	8108	8463	8788
2	6188	7901	7804
3	6843	8275	7934
4	5974	7295	7736
5	5472	N/A	N/A

(includes Mass offertory and electronic giving via WeShare: https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/weshare-20000224?

#### Sunday Parish Tithes for October 2025(3% of offertory)

Holy Father & Apostolic Work	\$ 975
The O'Connell House, Inc.	\$ 242
World Mission Sunday	\$ 2,473
Southwest Boston Community Dev. Corp.	\$ 242

Offertory	10/12	10/19	10/26	11/02	11/09
Sunday Offertory	\$4,759	\$4,581	\$4,507	\$7,224	\$5,330
We Share Donations	\$1,427	\$1,440	\$1,525	\$5,392	\$1,262
One Time Donation	\$530			\$100	\$75
Other Offertory	\$50	\$798	\$793	\$1,445	\$1,543
TOTAL	\$6,766	\$6,819	\$6,825	\$14,161	\$8,210

Total budget average weekly expenses for 2025-2026: \$15,413



## SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUNDAY PARISH TITHE

12/07/25 Flowers for Christmas (Second Collection)

12/08/25 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

12/14/25 Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order

12/21/25 Students for Life of America

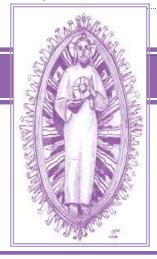
12/25/25 Christmas Collection/Clergy Benefit Trust 12/28/25 Southwest Boston Community Dev. Corp.

01/01/26 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

01/25/26 Church in Latin America (Second Collection)

02/08/26 Utilities & Energy Costs (Second Collection)

02/18/26 Catholic Charities // Ash Wednesday Collection



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#### MISSION STATEMENT

As a united family in Christ, our parish has its roots in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our diverse parish welcomes all with open arms to celebrate our faith with love, joy, and compassion. Through prayer we strive to work humbly with a greater acceptance and understanding of our neighbors and how best to serve those in need. Guided by the Holy Spirit we pray to grow together and live charitably by the Lord's teachings.

## Parish Resources

Rev. Brian M. Clary, Pastor

Rev. Succes Jeanty, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Paulinus Nweke, In Residence

Parish Secretaries: Maggie Laboy

Susan Carroll

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Eve (Vigil): 4:00 pm in English & 7:00 pm Spanish Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 am, and 5:15 pm in English

12:00 pm in Spanish

#### Weekday Masses

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 am in English Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday & Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Spanish

#### Penance:

Friday after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturday at 3:00 pm and by appointment

**Baptism:** Call Rectory for arrangements.

#### Marriage:

Call Rectory to speak with one of the priests at least 6 months before the marriage.

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## The Week Ahead Activities

#### SATURDAY, December 13

Spanish CCD Class 10:00 am SH School 3:00 pm Lower Church Confessions

#### SUNDAY, December 14

Adult English Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Upper Church Clases para Adultos (RICA) 10:30 pm Murray Room English CCD Class 11:30 am SH School Spanish Coffee 1:30 pm Murray Room 3:00 pm Upper Church Baptisms (English)

#### MONDAY, December 15

No Activities

#### TUESDAY, December 16

Spanish Prayer Group 6:00 pm Lower Church OCIA Adult Classes 5:30 pm Rect Library

#### WEDNESDAY, December 17

Youth Choir Practice (English) 6:00 pm Murray Room

#### THURSDAY, December 18

Adoration 6:00 pm Lower Church 6:30 pm Murray Room Prayer Group Meeting

#### FRIDAY, December 19

Youth and Adult Choir Rehearsal Spanish 6:00 pm Murray Room

#### SATURDAY, December 20

Prayer Group Christmas Party 9:00 am School Cafe Spanish CCD Class 10:00 am SH School 12:30 pm Upper Church Baptisms (Spanish) Confessions 3:00 pm Lower Church

#### SUNDAY, December 21

Adult English Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Upper Church Clases para Adultos (RICA) 10:30 pm Murray Room English CCD Class 11:30 am SH School Spanish Coffee 1:30 pm Murray Room

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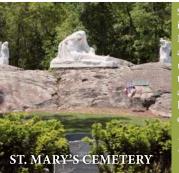
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