

Sacred Heart Parish

December 21, 2025

Roslindale, MA

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Matthew 1:23

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

As we make final preparations for our Christmas Masses here at Sacred Heart and you are doing last minute things for family and friends it will important to set aside some quiet time during these remaining days of Advent. Reflect on your innermost longings for hope, peace and joy which will lead to a meaningful Christmas Season. God's love for us is not limited to just one day just as the birth of our Lord is contained to just one day. There will be some who say words to the effect that they are glad that Christmas is over once we reach December 25th. However, many more solemn feasts of our faith await us such as the Feast of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. Please invite all family, friends and neighbors to join with us in prayer during these sacred days.

Peace,

Father Clary

Saint John, the Apostle

The Call of the First Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

John and his brother, James, Galilean fishermen called the "sons of thunder," were chosen to be among the Twelve Apostles. John was with Jesus at the Transfiguration, in the Garden of Gethsemani, and on Calvary. It was to this "beloved disciple" that Jesus entrusted his mother's care. John evangelized in Ephesus (Turkey), was exiled to the island of Patmos, and according to tradition lived to be 100 years. John and his community of followers are credited with writing the fourth Gospel, three epistles, and the Book of Revelation.

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FIRST CENTURY

FEAST DAY — DECEMBER 27

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos Parroquianos del Sagrado Corazón,

Mientras ultimamos los preparativos para nuestras Misas de Navidad aquí en la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón y ustedes se ocupan de los últimos detalles para sus familiares y amigos, es importante que dediquen un tiempo de tranquilidad durante estos días restantes de Adviento. Reflexionen sobre sus anhelos más profundos de esperanza, paz y alegría, que les conducirán a una Navidad llena de significado. El amor de Dios por nosotros no se limita a un solo día, al igual que el nacimiento de nuestro Señor no se reduce a un solo día. Habrá quienes digan que se alegran de que la Navidad haya terminado una vez que llegue el 25 de diciembre. Sin embargo, nos esperan muchas otras fiestas solemnes de nuestra fe, como la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, María Madre de Dios, la Epifanía y el Bautismo del Señor. Les invitamos a que inviten a sus familiares, amigos y vecinos a unirse a nosotros en oración durante estos días sagrados.

La Paz,

Padre Clary

San Juan el Apóstol

Del santo Evangelio según san Mateo 4, 18-22

Una vez que Jesús caminaba por la ribera del mar de Galilea, vio a dos hermanos, Simón, llamado después Pedro, y Andrés, los cuales estaban echando las redes al mar, porque eran pescadores. Jesús les dijo: "Sígueme y los haré pescadores de hombres". Ellos inmediatamente dejaron las redes y lo siguieron. Pasando más adelante, vio a otros dos hermanos, Santiago y Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban con su padre en la barca, remendando las redes, y los llamó también. Ellos, dejando enseguida la barca y a su padre, lo siguieron.

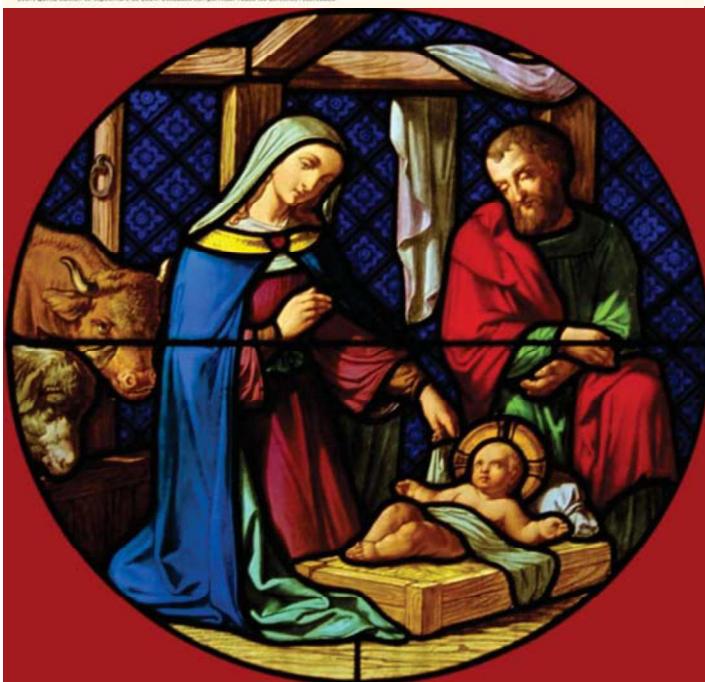


PRIMER SIGLO

DÍA DE FIESTA — 27 DE DICIEMBRE

Juan y su hermano, Santiago, pescadores galileos, llamados los "hijos del trueno", fueron escogidos para ser parte de los Doce Apóstoles. Juan estuvo con Jesús durante la Transfiguración, en el Huerto de Getsemani, y en el Calvario. Fue a este "discípulo bien amado" a quien Jesús encargó el cuidado de su madre. Juan evangelizó en Efebo (Turquía), fue exiliado a la isla de Patmos y, de acuerdo a la tradición, vivió hasta la edad de 100 años. A Juan y a su comunidad de seguidores se les acredita la escritura del cuarto Evangelio, tres epístolas y el Libro del Apocalipsis.

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¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!

¡Feliz Navidad! Todos nosotros les deseamos a ustedes y a sus familias un maravilloso día de regocijo por el nacimiento de Cristo.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you and your families a wonderful day of rejoicing in the birth of Christ.

MASSES SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS
HORARIO DE MISAS PARA LA NAVIDAD

DECEMBER 24TH
24 DE DICIEMBRE

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

DECEMBER 25TH
25 DE DICIEMBRE

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

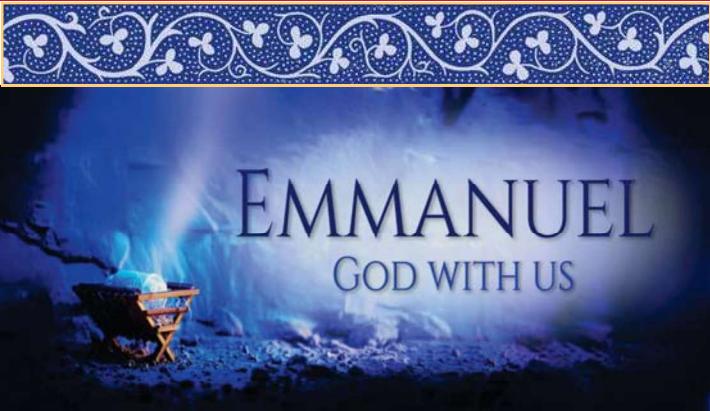
MASSES SCHEDULE FOR THE SOLEMNITY
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,
HORARIO DE MISA PARA LA
SOLEMNIDAD MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

VIGIL: DECEMBER 31ST
VIGILIA: 31 DE DICIEMBRE

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

JANUARY 1ST
1RO DE ENERO

8:30 am Lower Church/English
12:00 pm: Iglesia Arriba: Español/Spanish

The logo features a blue and white design with the words "EMMANUEL" and "GOD WITH US" in a stylized font. A small figure is visible in a chair in the background.

The logo features a red heart with a cross inside, flanked by two smaller hearts, with the text "Sacred Heart Parish Health Ministry" in red.

December 2025: Food and gathering safely

Although we are beyond the pandemic days of Christmas dinner over zoom, it is still important to make sure we are protecting the most vulnerable people in our lives from illness. If you will gather with immunocompromised folks or if there will be elderly people at your holiday gathering, consider testing prior to attending. Consider staying home if you are sick. Especially if you have a fever or respiratory symptoms. If you do become sick, the best way to prevent severe illness is to make sure you are vaccinated for COVID-19, flu and RSV (if you meet criteria). As always, practicing good hand hygiene is the best way to prevent the spread of illness.

If you do plan to gather with loved ones, there will likely be food preparation involved. Here are some hints from the CDC for keeping food safe and preventing illness. Foodborne germs can lead to illness (food poisoning), hospitalization, and death. Follow these key steps to prevent food poisoning - clean, separate, cook, and chill

Clean: always wash your hands and surfaces often especially after handling raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs. Use hot soapy water to clean utensils, cutting boards, dishes and counter tops. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running water.

Separate: don't cross-contaminate. Raw meat, chicken and other poultry, seafood, and eggs can spread germs to ready-to-eat food unless you keep them separate. When grocery shopping, keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and their juices away from other foods. Keep raw or marinating meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from all other foods in the refrigerator. (Store raw meat, poultry, and seafood in sealed containers or wrap them securely so the juices don't leak onto other foods.) Use one cutting board or plate for raw meat, poultry, and seafood and a separate cutting board or plate for produce, bread, and other foods that won't be cooked. Raw chicken is ready to cook and doesn't need to be washed first. Washing these foods can spread germs to other foods, the sink, and the counter and make you sick.

Cook to the right temperature: Food is safely cooked when the internal temperature gets high enough to kill germs that can make you sick. The only way to tell if food is safely cooked is to use a food thermometer. You can't tell if food is safely cooked by checking its color and texture. Use a food thermometer to ensure foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature. When reheating, use a food thermometer to make sure that micro-waved food reaches 165°F.

Chill: refrigerate promptly. Bacteria can multiply rapidly if left at room temperature or in the "Danger Zone" between 40°F and 140°F. Never leave perishable food out for more than 2 hours (or 1 hour if exposed to temperatures above 90°F). Keep your refrigerator at 40°F or below and your freezer at 0°F or below, and know when to throw food out before it spoils. If your refrigerator doesn't have a built-in thermometer, keep an appliance thermometer inside it to check the temperature. Package warm or hot food into several clean, shallow containers and then refrigerate. It is okay to put small portions of hot food in the refrigerator since they will chill faster. Refrigerate perishable food (meat, seafood, dairy, cut fruit, some vegetables, and cooked leftovers) within 2 hours. If the food is exposed to temperatures above 90°F, like a hot car or picnic, refrigerate it within 1 hour. Thaw frozen food safely in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave. Never thaw food on the counter because bacteria multiply quickly in the parts of the food that reach room temperature. **For more details go to CDC website - About Food Safety | Food Safety | CDC**

SACRED HEART

Kind Deeds, Vital Minds

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

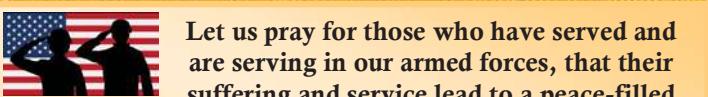
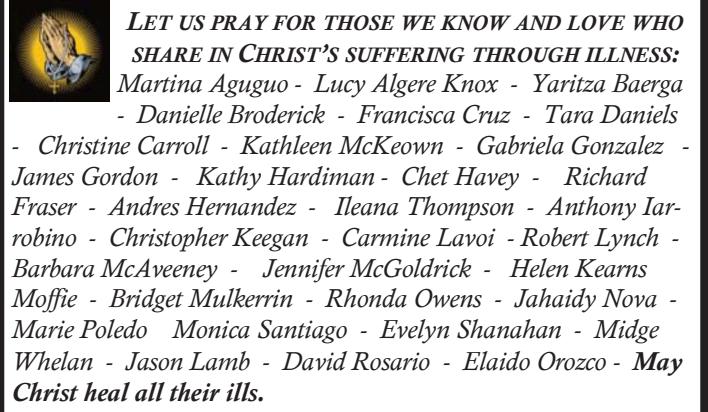


Nativity Crèche

In its present form, the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on Christmas Eve or at another time:

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



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

SUNDAY	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Dec 21	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6./Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
MONDAY	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Dec 22	
TUESDAY	<i>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Dec 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10+14/Lk 1:57-66
WEDNESDAY	<i>Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29/Lk 1:67-79</i>
Dec 24	
NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)	<i>Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25</i>
	<i>Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20</i>
Dec 25	
<i>Holiday of Obligation</i>	<i>Day: Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:18 or 1:1-5, 9-14</i>
FRIDAY	<i>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</i>
Dec 26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab+8a, 16bc+17/Mt 10:17-22
SATURDAY	<i>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
Dec 27	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
SUNDAY	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
Dec 28	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Mass Intentions

SACRED HEART WEEKLY MASSES

SATURDAY, December 20

8:30 am Marie Claude Casseus

4:00 pm William Richtberg

7:00 pm Sunday Mass: *No Intention*

Memorial

SUNDAY, December 21

8:00 am Sacred Heart Parish

10:00 am Bill & Mary O'Brien

12:00 pm Leonardo Perez, Blanca Velasquez

Esteban & Sonalis Mateo

5:15 pm Joseph Mutascio

Memorial

Memorial

Aniversario Bodas

Memorial

MONDAY, December 22

8:30 am Johnson Family

Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, December 23

8:30 am Sainton Rene

Memorial

WEDNESDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve Masses

8:30 am Sacred Heart Memorial

4:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish

7:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish

THURSDAY, December 25 Christmas Day Masses

8:00 am Sacred Heart Parish

10:00 am Sacred Heart Parish

12:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish

FRIDAY, December 26

8:30 am Armando, Alba, David, Annelise

Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 27

8:30 am Fausta Rene

Memorial

4:00 pm Michael, Rosalia & Anna Cammarata

Anniversary

7:00 pm Luis Enriquez Martin, Josefa Baez

Memorial

SUNDAY, December 28

8:00 am Sacred Heart Parish

Memorial

10:00 am Patricia McCarthy

Memorial

12:00 pm Hector Chacon, Blanca Velasquez Flores

Memorial

5:15 pm Joseph Mutascio

Memorial

Parish Finances & Stewardship

Sacred Heart Parish, Roslindale, MA

	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?tab=home>)

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	10/26	11/02	11/09	11/16	11/23
Sunday Offertory	\$4,507	\$7,224	\$5,330	\$8,198	\$4,457
We Share Donations	\$1,525	\$5,392	\$1,262	\$1,370	\$1,780
One Time Donation		\$100	\$75		
Other Offertory	\$793	\$1,445	\$1,543	\$2,574	
TOTAL	\$6,825	\$14,161	\$8,210	\$12,142	\$6,237

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

"The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us."

Vigil of Christmas

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
02/22/26	Support of the Church Around the World (2nd Coll)



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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 4th 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.

Rectory Office: 617-325-3322
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Mrs. Caitlin Sullivan, Principal

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The Week Ahead Activities

SATURDAY, December 20

Prayer Group Christmas Party
Spanish CCD Class
Baptisms (Spanish)
Confessions

9:00 am School Cafe
10:00 am SH School
12:30 pm Upper Church
3:00 pm Lower Church

SUNDAY, December 21

Adult English Choir Rehearsal
Clases para Adultos (RICA)
English CCD Class
Spanish Coffee

9:30 am Upper Church
10:30 pm Murray Room
11:30 am SH School
1:30 pm Murray Room

MONDAY, December 22

No Activities

TUESDAY, December 23

Spanish Prayer Group
OCIA Adult Classes

6:00 pm Lower Church
5:30 pm Rect Library

WEDNESDAY, December 24 Office Closed

See Page 3 for Mass Schedule: CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, December 25 Office Closed

See Page 3 for Mass Schedule: CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, December 26 Office Closed

No Activities

SATURDAY, December 27

Confessions

3:00 pm Lower Church

SUNDAY, December 28

Adult English Choir Rehearsal
Clases para Adultos (RICA)
Spanish Coffee

9:30 am Upper Church
10:30 pm Murray Room
1:30 pm Murray Room

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