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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him.

Isaiah 11:2a

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

Weekend Masses ~ Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am* 12:00pm & 5:00pm

*Family Mass

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

Bereavement Support Ministry ~ For support, please
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at dcn785@aol.com

Staff Directory ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

Parish Prayer Wall ~ Submit requests on parish website.

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Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office.

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To register, visit www.cantoncatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Contact: Barbara McKenney (781) 828-0090.

Marriage ~ Arrangements should be made six months
in advance. Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm
Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link
option. Email jptjr2@gmail.com for more information.



*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*



Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist preach Isaiah's words, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." This occurs about thirty years after Jesus' birth. We are called to repentance on this Second Sunday of Advent. In the Opening and Closing Prayers of the Mass, and the Preface, the priest prays before the consecration, requesting that we be found worthy to share in the Messiah's gift of redemption. In the hectic run-up to Christmas, it is good to ponder the richness of Advent's spirituality.

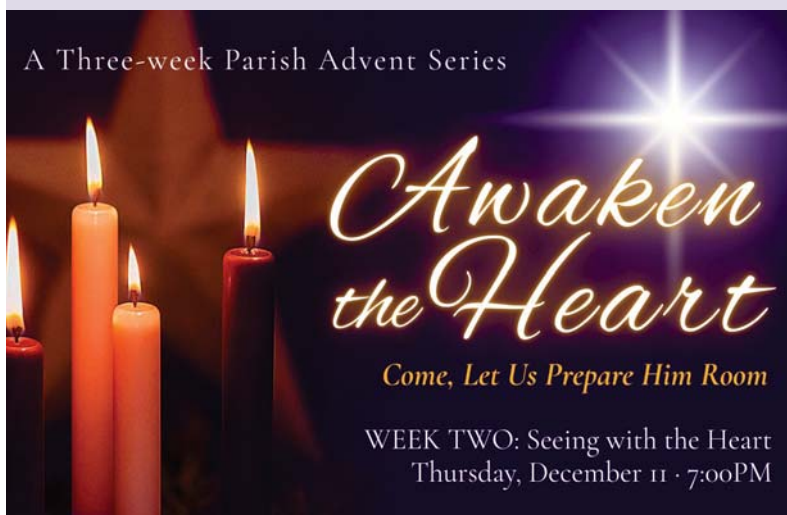
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Fr. Tom



Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:
9:00 am
7:00 pm

Advent Series Week Two—Thursday, December 11



Awaken the Heart: Seeing with the Heart

Our Advent journey continues this week with the second evening of our *Awaken the Heart* Series. Last week, we reflected on Mary's example of listening and saying "yes" to God, opening our hearts to His presence in prayer and Scripture.

This Thursday, we turn to the theme "*Seeing with the Heart*." In the light of Advent, we are invited to recognize God's presence among us—in Scripture, in one another, and in the signs of hope that surround us.

Following the prayer service, all are welcome to gather in the Lower Church Hall for our Advent activity, *Messages from the Heart: Sharing Christ's Light*. Parishioners will be invited to write heartfelt Christmas messages to those who may be homebound, at Cornerstone or Brightview, or on our parish prayer list. These notes will be delivered by parishioners as a simple way to share Christ's joy with those who need it most.

Whether or not you joined us last week, please come and be part of this evening of prayer, generosity, and fellowship as we continue preparing to welcome Christ anew at Christmas.

Annual Christmas Cantata & Children's Nativity Pageant ~ December 13

You are warmly invited to join us on **Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 pm in the church** for a very special presentation: *Night of the Father's Love*.



Night of the Father's Love

This beloved parish tradition brings together our children, choirs, and orchestra in a moving celebration of Christ's birth. Through narrated Nativity tableaux, accompanied by stunning visuals and music, the story of the Incarnation will unfold before us in beauty and reverence.

The evening will also include a joyful congregational sing-along of favorite carols, inviting everyone to lift their voices in praise. Following the program, we will gather for light refreshments and fellowship, a chance to share the joy of the season with one another.

Let us enter the joy of the Nativity with hearts renewed in hope and faith.

Rejoice! A Family Advent Celebration ~ December 14



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A Family Advent Celebration
Sunday, December 14

Rejoice in Hope,
Gather in Gladness

Sunday, December 14 – After the 10:00 Mass

On the Third Sunday of Advent — Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy — the Church invites us to rejoice, for the coming of Christ is near. The rose candle on the Advent wreath reminds us that even in waiting, our hearts are filled with hope and gladness.

Families are invited to bring the **infant Jesus from their home Nativity manger to the 10:00 Family Mass for a special blessing**, a beautiful way to prepare for placing Him in the crèche on Christmas Day.

After Mass, join us for our festive Gingerbreadfest and Advent activities that awaken the heart to the wonder of Christmas:

- Gingerbread cookie decorating
- Nativity-themed crafts
- Hot chocolate & donuts

This celebration is for families, children, and parishioners of all ages. Let us awaken the heart to the joy and wonder of Christ's coming as we prepare together for Christmas.



Help beautify our church and honor loved ones by donating toward Christmas flowers. Use the offertory envelope marked *Christmas Flowers* or any envelope labeled as such, including your name and those you wish to remember.

Names received by **Dec. 12** will be listed in the bulletin for the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 27/28).

Donations may be:

- Dropped in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend of **December 6/7**
- Placed in the mailbox outside the parish administrative office
- Emailed to **Nancy Cunniff** at ncunniff@cantoncatholic.org

Advent Reflection: Prepare the Way

This Sunday we hear the powerful voice of John the Baptist crying out in the desert: *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”* His call is not simply about turning away from sin, but about awakening our hearts to the presence of Christ who is coming.



Advent is a season of preparation, not only in our homes and parishes, but within the deepest places of our hearts. John reminds us that true repentance bears fruit—acts of kindness, mercy, and love that make straight the paths for the Lord. To awaken the heart is to let God’s Spirit stir us from complacency, to clear away what is lifeless, and to open ourselves to the fire of His love.

As we journey through Advent, may we hear John’s cry as our own invitation: to awaken, to prepare, and to bear good fruit, so that when Christ comes, He finds hearts ready to welcome Him with joy.

Reaching Hearts This Advent

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank all who contributed to our Advent Gift Bag Collection for the residents of the Hellenic Nursing Home and our cherished Homebound parishioners. Your generosity has been a beautiful witness to the love and compassion that flows through our parish family.



Thanks to your thoughtful donations, we will gather on **Thursday evening, December 18th**, following week three of the **Advent Series**, in the **lower church hall** to prepare the gift bags.

We warmly invite parishioners and families to join us for this special evening of service. Whether you come to help assemble the bags, offer a prayer, or simply share in the spirit of giving, your presence will be a blessing.

Our Youth Ministry will visit the nursing home to sing carols and help deliver the bags, bringing joy and reminding residents they are deeply loved.

Let us continue to walk together in this season of hope, preparing the way for Christ by reaching out with tenderness and light.



Our Youth Ministry invites the parish to share Christ’s love through the Advent Giving Tree at the church entrance.

Take a gift tag, purchase the suggested item, and return it **unwrapped with the tag attached**. Please place gifts under the tree by **December 22** so they may be delivered in time for Christmas.

This tradition brings hope and kindness to those in need. Thank you for making the light of Christ visible through your generosity.

Women's Club December Luncheon

Wednesday, December 17 at 9:30 AM
Lower Church Hall

Join us for a joyful and uplifting Advent gathering as the Canton Catholic Women's Club hosts its annual December Luncheon. Let us come together in fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and celebrate the hope and beauty of this sacred season.

We'll begin with coffee, pastries, and friendly conversation, followed by a special presentation from George Menuhin, who will share about his meaningful work in prison ministry—a powerful reminder of Christ's light reaching into all places. Enjoy browsing our \$1.00 table filled with fun and unique items, and don't forget to enter our free raffle for a chance to win a festive prize and a complimentary lunch.

Free for members, \$5.00 for non-members, all are warmly welcome! Come celebrate the season.

Labyrinth Christmas Concert—Dec 7

Enjoy festive music, audience participation, and a joyful celebration to warm winter spirits.

Bethlehem Stars: Prayers of Hope

Even if you weren't able to join us after the Advent Prayer Service, you are warmly invited to take part in our *Bethlehem Stars* project. A basket with star-shaped ornaments will be placed near the parish Giving tree.

Parishioners may take a star home, write a prayer or hope upon it, and then return it to the basket at church. During the Christmas Season, these stars will be hung on the tree as a constellation of faith and love—a visible reminder of the light we carry within and the prayers we lift to heaven.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 6

9:00am~ Gardner Lakin, Jr. Memorial
4:00pm~ Neil & Edna MacDonald,
Dan & Elizabeth Feeney, Memorial

Sunday, December 7

8:00am~ James C. Sherlock, III,
Memorial
10:00am~ Francisco Andrade, Memorial
12:00pm~ Michael McCarthy, Memorial
5:00pm~

Monday, December 8

9:00am~ Feast of Immaculate Conception
7:00pm~ Feast of Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 9

9:00am~ Edith Nwosu, Living Intention

Wednesday, December 10

9:00am~ Peter Osurde, Memorial

Thursday, December 11

9:00am~ Donald & Catheryn Miller,
Memorial

Friday, December 12

9:00am~ Rita & Lawrence Overlan, Memorial

Saturday, December 13

9:00am~ Special Intention
4:00pm~ Alice Ogalin, Month's Mind

Sunday, December 14

8:00am~ Cornelius & Mary Keohane,
Memorial
10:00am~ Renzo & Antoinette Piana,
Memorial
12:00pm~ Linda Rodrigues, Memorial
5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy

Ida Emde
John Hardiman

Please remember in your prayers
all those who have entered into eternal life.

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