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Confession in English
Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 PM



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SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



114 Lincoln Avenue
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Confession in Brazilian
Thursdays: 7:00 PM - 7:25 PM

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday/Wednesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday/Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Closed Monday, Weekends, and Holidays

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM SJ (English) & 7:00 PM SJ (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:30 AM SJ (English) & 10:00 AM SJB (English)

11:30 AM SJ (Spanish) & 11:45 AM SJB (Brazilian)

Daily Masses

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

9:00 AM SJB (English)

Wednesday & Friday 7:00 PM SJ (Spanish)

Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday

9:00 AM SJ (English)

Thursday - 7:30 PM SJB (Brazilian)

Holy Day Masses as Announced

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BAPTISM AT ST. JAMES CHURCH:

English - 4th Sunday at 1:00 PM, on the following months: February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Spanish - 3rd Sunday of every month at the 11:30 AM Spanish Mass.

BAPTISM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH:

English - 2nd Sunday at 10:00 AM Mass on the following months: February, April, June, August, October, and December. *Brazilian* - 4th Sunday of every month at the 11:45 AM Brazilian Mass.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION: Both Parents and Godparents must attend. *English:* 2nd Sunday of the month on the following months: March, June, September, and December at 1:00 PM, at St. James Lower Church. *Spanish:* 1st Saturday of every month at 1:00 PM, at St. James Lower Church. *Brazilian:* 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM, at St. John the Baptist Lower Church. Parents are asked to pre-register at the Parish Office/Rectorry one month before baptism instruction takes place. Please bring the child's birth certificate and a Confirmation certificate for at least one of the Godparents.

MARRIAGE: Arrangement with a priest of the Parish at least six months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION: *English:* Saturdays, 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM, at St. James Lower Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member or friend who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits with administration of the Sacraments.



If you are looking for a spiritual home, please introduce yourself to any member of the parish staff or fill out a registration form available at the entrance of the church. If you would like more information about the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at (978) 372-8537.



Readings for today's Mass begin on Page 40 of the Breaking Bread Missal 2026. Proper parts of the Mass begin on Page 3.



The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and its color is Pink, the liturgical color for joy.

**LORD, COME
AND SAVE US**



Saturday, December 13, 2025

9:00 AM (SJ) **Christine Ferguson**, Birthday Remembrance
4:00 PM (SJ) **Rev. John F. Mulloy Jr.**, Remembrance
7:00 PM (SJ) **Vietnamese Mass**

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:30 AM (SJ) **Robert & Jean Desmarais**, Anniversary Remembrance, Requested by Family
10:00 AM (SJB) **Kevin D. Fitzgerald**, Remembrance, Requested by Family
11:30 AM (SJ) **Jose & Luprede Rodriguez Vargas**, 50th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
Agustin Acosta Rojas, 10-Month Anniversary Remembrance
Dolores Matrille, 10-Month Anniversary Remembrance
Pedro LaPaix, Remembrance, Requested by Sister
Jeffrey Joel Pierce, Remembrance
Victor Osario, Justina Brito, Maurilio Saenz, Birthdays (Living)
11:45 AM (SJB) **Brazilian Mass**

Monday, December 15, 2025

9:00 AM (SJB) **Parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish**
7:00 PM (SJ) **Adoration (Spanish)**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

9:00 AM (SJ) **Timothy R. Kimball**, Remembrance, Requested by Johnston Family
9:30 AM (SJ) **Adoration**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

9:00 AM (SJB) **Robert LaFleur**, Remembrance, Requested by LaFleur Family
7:00 PM (SJ) **Mass (Spanish)**

Thursday, December 18, 2025

9:00 AM (SJ) **End of Human Trafficking**, Requested by Johnston Family
9:30 AM (SJ) **Adoration**
7:30 PM (SJB) **Mass (Brazilian)**

Friday, December 19, 2025

9:00 AM (SJB) **Therese LaFleur**, Remembrance, Requested by LaFleur Family
7:00 PM (SJ) **Mass (Spanish)**

Saturday, December 20, 2025

9:00 AM (SJ) **Timothy H. Miller**, Remembrance, Requested by Julie
4:00 PM (SJ) **Dorothy Perreault**, 55-Year Anniversary Remembrance, Requested by Family
7:00 PM (SJ) **Vietnamese Mass**

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:30 AM (SJ) **Monica Gardella & Timothy Michitson**, Christmas Remembrance, Requested by Family
10:00 AM (SJB) **John C. & Kathleen J. Conner**, Remembrance, Requested by Family
11:30 AM (SJ) **Jose Antonio Felix**, 8-Month Anniversary Remembrance
11:45 AM (SJB) **Brazilian Mass**

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 2025 - For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



**ST. GABRIEL
THE ARCHANGEL PARISH
HOLIDAY GIVING 2025**

This year, both our parish churches will be helping **Ozzie's Kids**. They are in need of children's toys and clothes for ages infant to 12 years old. Please leave the unwrapped gifts in the large decorated boxes in the churches beginning November 22nd. The deadline for donations is December 14th.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping the less fortunate in our community.

Christmas Mass Schedule**Confession**

To prepare for the celebration of Christmas, Confessions will be held on **Saturday, December 13th & Saturday, December 20th**, from **2:30 PM to 3:30 PM**, at **St. James, lower church**.

Christmas Eve**Wednesday, December 24th**

4:00 PM St. James Church (English)
6:00 PM St. James Church (Vietnamese)
7:00 PM St. John the Baptist Church (Brazilian)

Christmas Day**Thursday, December 25th**

8:30 AM St. James Church (English)
10:00 AM St. John the Baptist Church (English)
11:30 AM St. James Church (Spanish)

New Year's Eve**Wednesday, December 31st**

8:00 PM St. John the Baptist Church (Brazilian)

New Year's Day**Thursday, January 1, 2026**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation**
9:00 AM St. James Church (English)

WEEKLY OFFERING

11/22 - 11/23

Weekly Collection: \$4,217.00
Second Collection: (Retired Religious Sisters) \$2,732.00
Online Giving: \$ 457.00

GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to the Grand Annual Appeal 2025. Current total to date for St. Gabriel Parish is **\$35,547**. This contribution is divided into 2 times: October & February. God Bless you all.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

12/13 - 12/14 - Special Monthly Offering
12/20 - 12/21 - Energy and Utilities



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar at **St. John the Baptist Church** for:

Robert C. Laprel
15-Year Anniversary Remembrance

Christmas Clergy Benefit Trust Collection

The December 24th & 25th collection is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. Each Christmas we have the opportunity to support our priests through the Christmas collection that benefits the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust, with the goal of ensuring the health and well-being of our priests in good standing. The Trust offers preventive health and wellness programs, offers one-on-one support and advocacy to priests with health concerns, and operates Regina Cleri, a state-of-the-art facility where senior priests live in community. Please support our priests, who through their ministry, create stronger communities for all, by placing your envelope in the offering or mailing your check to the Parish office (check made to Archdiocese of Boston-Clergy Trust). This special collection is a primary source of funding to care for our retired priests. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you!

INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION

**SNOWSTORM POLICY
& YOUR SAFETY FIRST**

During a heavy snow storm and if Haverhill Public Schools are cancelled, daily 9:00 AM Mass and parish activities will be also be cancelled for that day. Please use your own judgement and check our website for updates. For weekend Masses, please see announcements on the TV news stations and our website. Thank you.



2025-2026 Faith Formation Program

Our Faith Formation Program schedule is listed below. Classes will be meeting on Sunday's, twice per month. If you have any questions, please email **Thanh Nguyen** at: stjamesandjohn-faith@gmail.com

December 14th Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
January 11th Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
January 25th Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
February 8th Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
February 22nd Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
March 8th Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
March 22nd Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
April 12th Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
April 26th Grades K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School

St James School, 415 Primrose Street, Haverhill MA



Confessions in Spanish with
Fr. Carlos before Mass
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: St. James, Lower Church



The **St. Gabriel the Archangel Prayer Connection Network** has the following prayer requests:

For the end of abortion
Joan Fantini - sweet repose of soul
For the safe return of kidnapped children
& school staff from Nigeria
For those who are incarcerated
Lenore & Bill Buehner, health & emotional wellbeing
Richard H. - health
Edwin Laverty - stomach cancer
Derek - special intention
April A. - breast cancer
Hong N. - health
Jimmy M. - cancer
Linda M. - breast cancer
Alicia - needs a job
Carol - balance issues
Tommy - (young child) tumor
Marion - special intention
Peter C. - new job
Jack - new job in Greece
Safety of law enforcement & first responders
Taylor - lupus
For those who are being tempted to suicide
For those who have requested prayers but do not want their names posted
Good, holy, faithful vocations
Katie E. - stage four cancer

Pregnancy Care Centers - perseverance under persecution
Peace in the Middle East
Erin - in thanksgiving for donating her kidney to her sister
James - cancer
Pregnancy Care Centers - perseverance under persecution
Lisa - lung cancer
Christine L. - sweet repose of her soul
Christians who are being persecuted for their faith
Nicole T. for miracle cure of inoperable growing brain tumor
For those who are addicted to pornography
For modesty in dress & behavior for both men & women
Those suffering with PTSD
For parents of children with disabilities
For an increase in the utilization of confession
For safe return of abducted Ukrainian children & Peace in Ukraine
Kyla S. - suitable housing
Evelyn (14) for eyesight miracle
Victims of abuse
For those suffering with anxiety/mental illness.
Good, holy, faithful vocations

To request prayers, or to sign up to be on the network prayer list, please e-mail: stgabrielprayers@gmail.com. Please be aware that, in order to be published in the bulletin, we must receive prayer requests by the Tuesday 1-1/2 weeks prior to the bulletin weekend. If you do not have e-mail, you may leave a message @ (978) 372-3824. **Be sure to leave your phone number! Please let us know if when prayer intention should be updated or deleted.** Intentions will be listed for approximately one month unless we are told otherwise. Bless you! Gerry & Ann Marie Johnston



**Brazilian Community
St. John the Baptist
Church**

Weekly Schedule

Monday	Men's Rosary	7:30 PM
	Mothers Who Pray for Their Children	7:30 PM
Thursday	Confession	7:00 PM
	Mass	7:30 PM
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
Saturday	Catechism (school year)	5:00 PM
Sunday Mass		11:45 AM

ADVENT
IS A JOURNEY TOWARDS
BETHLEHEM. MAY WE LET
OURSELVES BE DRAWN BY THE
LIGHT OF GOD MADE MAN.
Pope Francis



Coffee Hour
St. John the Baptist Church
Sunday, December 14th
after 10:00 AM Mass
Please join us for
coffee and donuts.

BABY SHOWER RESULTS: Thank you to all who so graciously donated baby items, monetary donations and prayers. All the items were delivered to both the local Pregnancy Care Center of Haverhill and the Archdiocesan Program - Pregnancy Help in Brighton. The workers at these sites were thrilled to receive such precious gifts for their clients. Please continue to pray the Rosary to end the scourge of abortion. Never doubt that your prayers are of great benefit to this important ministry. Blessings! Gerry & Ann Marie Johnston



**TIDINGS
OF GREAT
Joy**



**Liz Murphy
Open Hand Pantry**

We are currently in need of the following items:

- Cereal
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Microwave Popcorn
- Pop-Tarts
- Shelf Milk

The pantry staff and the clients thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.



2025-2026 Programa de Formación de fe

El horario de nuestro Programa de Formación en la Fe se detalla a continuación. Las clases se impartirán los domingos, dos veces al mes. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor, escriba a Thanh Nguyen a: stjamesandjohnfaith@gmail.com.

Diciembre 14th Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Enero 11th Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Enero 25th Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Febrero 8th Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Febrero 22nd Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Marzo 8th Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Marzo 22nd Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Abril 12th Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School
Abril 26th Grados K-8	9:45AM - 11:00AM	St. James School

Escuela St. James, 415 Primrose Street, Haverhill, MA



Confesiones en español con el Padre Carlos antes de la Misa

Miércoles, 17 de Diciembre de 2025

Hora: 18:30 - 19:00

Lugar: Iglesia de San Jaime,
Lower Church

Horario de Misas de Navidad

Confesión

Para preparar la celebración de la Navidad, las confesiones se llevarán a cabo el sábado 13 de diciembre y el sábado 20 de diciembre, de 2:30 PM a 3:30 PM, en la iglesia inferior de St. James.

Nochebuena, Miércoles 24 de Diciembre

4:00 PM St. James Church (English)

6:00 PM St. James Church (Vietnamese)

7:00 PM St. John the Baptist Church (Brazilian)

Día de Navidad, Jueves 25 de Diciembre

8:30 AM St. James Church (English)

10:00 AM St. John the Baptist Church (English)

11:30 AM St. James Church (Spanish)

Nochevieja

Miércoles 31 de diciembre

8:00 PM St. John the Baptist Church
(Brazilian)

Día de Año Nuevo

Solemnidad de María

Santa Madre de Dios Día de precepto

Jueves 1 de Enero de 2026

9:00 AM St. James Church (English)



La tercera vela de Adviento simboliza la alegría. A medida que nos acercamos al día de Navidad, nuestro gozo crece cada vez más. La tercera vela nos retrotrae a la gozosa anticipación de los pastores que viajaron para ver a Jesús en Belén, incluso antes que los Reyes Magos. En este tercer domingo de Adviento, que la Iglesia llama “Domingo Gaudete”, que significa regocijo o alabanza, encendemos la tercera vela y nos regocijamos como los pastores. Por esta razón, el tercer cirio del Adviento se llama “Vela del Pastor” y su color es el rosa, el color litúrgico de la alegría.



Bautismo en Español:

Catequesis pre-bautismal: El primer Domingo del mes a las 1:00 PM en la Iglesia de abajo, obligatorio para los padres y padrinos. La registración se debe hacer un mes antes en la Rectoría, con el acta de nacimiento.

Bautismo en Español: El tercer domingo de cada mes a las 11:30 AM Misa.

Bodas: Se debe consultar con el sacerdote o del diacono con 6 meses de anticipación.

Confesiones: Sábados: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM en St. James en la Iglesia de abajo o llamar a la Rectoría por una cita.

Sacramento de los Enfermos: Si tienes un miembro de familia o amigo que no pueda asistir a la Iglesia por edad o enfermedad, por favor llamar a la oficina para que se le provee de visitas con la administración de los sacramentos.



POLÍTICA DE TORMENTA DE NIEVE SU SEGURIDAD ES LO PRIMERO

- Durante una fuerte nevada, si se suspenden las clases en las Escuelas Públicas de Haverhill, la misa diaria de las 9:00 a. m. y las actividades parroquiales también se cancelarán ese día. Le rogamos que actúe con prudencia y consulte nuestro sitio web para obtener información actualizada. Para las misas del fin de semana, consulte los anuncios en los noticieros de televisión y en nuestro sitio web. Gracias.

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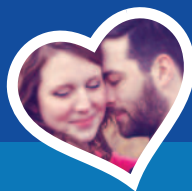
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