

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8:

12:00pm. (Good Shepherd, Bilingual)
4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

Sunday, December 9:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)

Monday, December 10:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Tuesday, December 11:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Wednesday, December 12:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Thursday, December 13:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Friday, December 14:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Saturday, December 15:

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

Sunday, December 16:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)

Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

People of the Parish
Arthur Guimond
Sr. Thomas More
Brazilian Community

Second Sunday of Advent

José E Barbosa and Esther R Picard
Michael Tavares
Maria Rosario Sousa 9th Anniversary
Pais, Tios, Irmaos (Bento)
Spanish Community

Advent Weekday

Sheila Washburn
Advent Weekday
Gil and Victor Branco
Nicholas T. Tyrrell

Our Lady of Guadalupe

People of the Parish
Living and Deceased Members of The Holy Rosary
Sodality

Advent Weekday

Virgil Branco
In memory of Violet Bilak

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sheila Washburn
In Memory of Mary Knapinski

Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Mariana Velho
Mary E. (Juliette) McNally
Brazilian Community

Second Sunday of Advent

Claire Berube and William X Murray Jr.
James S. Noverca, Sr,
Vincenza Perrotti
Bento and Jovina Sousa and Family
Spanish Community

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Mary's Cathedral) burns in loving memory of the Souls in Purgatory

The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): burns in loving memory of Paul G. Arruda

The Our Lady of Angels (Good Shepherd): burns For all parishioners of St Anne's, Holy Cross, and Holy Rosary

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Stanislaus): burns In Thanksgiving for all Graces & Blessings received (Valerie A Butler)

Divine Mercy (St. Stanislaus): burns in loving memory of Anthony & Sophie Dubiel (Barbara)

Our Lady of Czestochowa (St. Stanislaus): burns In Thanksgiving for all Graces & Blessings received (Rita Cabral)

Pope St. John Paul (St. Stanislaus): burns for the Birthday Intentions of Father Johnson

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Join us on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00pm at Good Shepherd Church for an Advent Evening of Reflection. Franciscan Fr. Phil Pacheco (a Fall River native) will speak to us on the theme. "Advent: A Season of Hope". Confessions will be available following the service.

THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

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THANK YOU AND WELCOME! I just want to offer a few words of thanks today – to ALL OF YOU – our wonderful parishioners. I am so very conscious how much change we have all experienced over the course of the last month. We have had the closure of churches and the changes in Mass schedules, but I am just so overwhelmed with your goodness and your desire to help us rebuild our faith community here in central Fall River.

I was at a meeting of the priests of the city earlier this week, and of course, they all wanted to know how things are going with our churches and especially with the new schedule, and I was so happy to be able to report that things went well. As most of you know, the experience of our new Mass schedule last week were celebrations that were much fuller and the wonderful effect that has on us all.

At one Mass, a parishioner approached me afterward and said, "Father, I want you to know when I saw the new schedule, I was not happy. But, look at this. I haven't seen our church so full at Mass in years." This, my friends, is exactly how we will begin to rebuild and not just sustain our faith and our communities, but I firmly believe with my whole heart that we will once again grow!

I also want to again offer words of WELCOME to all of you who are worshiping with us who came from St. Anne's, Holy Cross, Holy Rosary, St. Bernadette's or any other closed church. I know how difficult it is to lose your place of worship, your spiritual home, but know that my deepest, daily prayer for each of you has been, "Lord, please keep Your people within Your flock." Both Fr. Juan and I were so please at the many of you who approached us after Masses last weekend to say you were from one of the closed churches but now praying with us. Thank you Lord, for that answered prayer.

Again, I extend the offer that if you were engaged in ministry in any of those churches, we hope you will continue here. If you were a lector, choir member, Eucharistic minister, altar server, brought communion to the homebound or nursing homes – please contact me (frtomw@gmail.com) we hope you will continue to use your gifts here.

There is a wonderful quote from the prophet Jeremiah that says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness, to give you a future full of hope." (Jer. 29:11) I think that these are the words that the Lord is speaking to us today. As we are renewed once again during this Advent and Christmas, let us be renewed in God's plan for our future full of hope!

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom

Respect Life Ministry

"In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous people."

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection

Respect Life Prayer Intention

For unborn children; that by the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, their human dignity will be recognized, respected, and protected by all from the moment of conception.

All Are Invited!

The next Respect Life Prayer Service at St. Stan's will be Saturday, January 5th at 8:45am. The service is followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Prayer Intentions

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Ricky Nobrega, Rita Cabral, Rebekah Ponte, Kim & Anne Fischer, Beatrice Moniz, Michael Facchini, Rose Facchini, Patricia O'Brien, Anne Marie Hallisey, Kathleen Correia, Pat Cabral, Barbara Howard, Ann & Bob Zygiel, Penny & Joe Bucko, Donald Vezina, Kim Dias, Fernanda Dias, Floyd Fischer, John Romero Jr., Eddie Gravel, Anne Varley, Patricia O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien, Alyssa Camara, Claire Carreiro, Joanne Soares, Edward Gavin, Anne Cournoyer, Teri Stewart, Wyatt Boulais, Julie Sousa, Tom Sousa, Mary Ann Araujo, Margaret Pietraszek, Teri Dias, Abigail Tavaras, Jillian Lowney, Bruno Texeira, and Braydyn Bentley Dias, Christine Barboza RIP, Francisco Silva, Val Monteiro, Bobby Rozycki, Eddie Gravel, John Romero Jr., Jeannie Quinn, Kevin Soares, Marlene Harrington, Patricia O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien, Kenneth Carrier, Francis Pacheco, Bob Pereira, Luis Raposo, John T. Haggerty, Barbie Canuel, Paul Canuel, Carter Wheeler, Joyce, Barbara Simcock, Patience Raposa, Colt Raposa, Dan Rego, Pat Wilson, Cookie, Herman Costa, Russel Amaral, Kevin Cartin, Paula King, Richard Moniz, Greg Moniz, Pauline Grocott, Pam Almeida, Kenneth Copsetta, and Sarah Steen

In Thanksgiving for all graces and blessings received.

To request prayers for a loved one contact Leanne at 508-678-7412

Parishioners in the Armed Services-If you know any parishioner serving in the Armed Forces or a Veteran please email or call the parish office.

Patrick Rioux Sr. Retired

"Almighty God and Father, hold our service men and women in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Please Pray for the soul of Medrick A. Lavallee and Dimas Pavao, Maria V. Pacheco, Ramiro Perinho, Irene Lewis, Cheryl Rivard, Gilberta Faria, Kenneth Carrier, Clarisse Rezendez, Robert Durfee, Carlos Patricio, Janice Fiola, Emily J (Nowak) Przewoznik, Pasquale Miozza all our deceased family and friends.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Holy Rosary Sodality at Good Shepherd Parish will be having a Bake Sale

Dec 22nd and Dec 23rd before and after all Masses in the conference room.



Donations are welcome!

INSTALLATION OF NEW RECTOR, DECEMBER 9TH AT 10:00AM AT THE CATHEDRAL
Bishop da Cunha will formally install Very Rev. Thomas Washburn as the new Rector of the Cathedral and leader of our new Catholic Community of Central Fall River (Good Shepherd, St. Stanislaus, St. Anthony of Padua, and the Cathedral) on Sunday, December 9, at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption. Please plan on attending this special Mass for our whole community.

Food Pantry at Good Shepherd

Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are always welcome.

The food pantry is available to anyone in need by appointment. Please call the parish office.

Welcome to all new parishioners or those who might be visiting our parish. Please introduce yourself after Mass or stop by the Parish office Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

If school is canceled, all Masses and church functions are canceled. Office is closed. If school is delayed, morning Masses (Good Shepherd) are canceled, noon Mass (Cathedral) and evening Masses (St. Stanislaus) will take place as usual. Office opening is delayed. If snow occurs on the weekend, Sunday Masses (and Saturday Vigils), will take place as scheduled, but please use your best judgement and be safe.



Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle: Dec 2 and Dec 9 "Five Gold Rings" Have you purchased your "Twelve Days of Christmas" raffle tickets yet? Don't miss out on the possibility of winning 13 wonderful cash prizes, restaurant and gift certificates, theater and movie tickets, PC basketball game tickets, handcrafted gifts and more. Entries are available at the doors of the Cathedral and Chapel, and also outside the conference room at Good Shepherd and online at www.cathedralfallriver.com

CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES: As you can see, we were able to stock our shelves once again with parishioner generosity & support. To be sure with the colder temps and weather conditions, our distribution numbers could increase, so we are depending on your generosity to continue. We are also fortunate to have some folks outside of our parish that are supporting our effort as well. There is a knitting group that are providing hats, scarves and mittens too. May God bless all our donors and please pray for our patrons that they are safe, fed and comfortable during the winter season. Items needed are pasta & sauce, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, tuna, instant mashed potatoes, canned potatoes. We are most grateful to the St. Stanislaus school community for their generous donations of non perishable items. We were able to assist 5 needy parish families with a Thanksgiving meal from monetary donations on holydays throughout the year. We prepared 98 bags for distribution and we distributed 48 bags. Our next distribution will be on Sunday, December 30, 8 to 9:30 am. We will stock the shelves on December 13 & December 20 and prepare distribution bags on December 27 immediately following the 12:05 Mass. Help is greatly appreciated. May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Parish Calendar

Please see bulletin for details

December 13th 7:00pm Advent Evening of Reflection at Good Shepherd

December 16th 3:00pm South Coast Community Choral Christmas Concert at Good Shepherd

Calendário paroquial

Por favor vejam o boletim para detalhes

13 de dezembro 7:00pm noite do advento da reflexão no bom pastor

16 de dezembro 3:00pm costa sul comunidade coral concerto de Natal

Calendario Parroquial

Consulte el boletín para más detalles

13 de diciembre 7:00PM noche de adViento de reflexión en el buen pastor

16 de diciembre 3:00PM concierto de Navidad coral comunitario de la costa sur

“Angels of Love”

Once again Good Shepherd will be encircling the Church during the time of Advent and Christmas with the names of those people closest to our hearts on our “Angels of Love”. Each “Angel” can be purchased for \$3.00 and can be used to remember anyone either living or deceased. Forms have been inserted into this week’s bulletin and also on the bulletin board in the connector. Just fill out the form, place it in an envelope with payment and either drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

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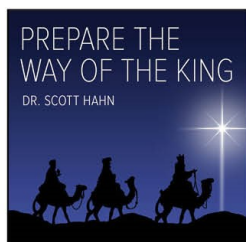
Prepare the Way of the King

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Ready Your Heart this Advent

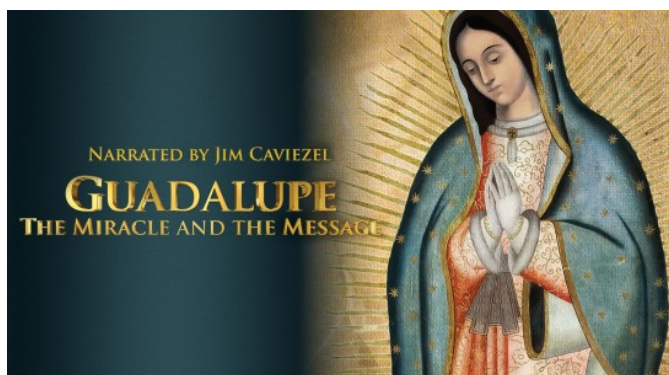
Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

[Listen on formed.org](https://www.formed.org)




“Just what I needed for this Advent! I loved all the history around the Christmas Season, the feast of Christ the King, and Scott sharing part of his journey into the Church.”

—Leslie H., Veneta, OR



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<p align="center">Altar Servers needed!</p> <p>Any child (girl or boy) in Grade 3 and above who are interested in being more involved in the Mass are asked to consider becoming an altar server. For more details, please call the parish office or speak to Eileen Hadfield before or after CCD.</p>	<p>St Vincente DePaul would like to thank all who contributed. We were able to pass out 21 Thanksgiving Baskets and we helped 10 families last month. Our next meeting will be on January 7th at 6:00pm at Good Shepherd.</p> <p>We are collecting names of parishioners in need of Christmas Food Baskets. Deadline is December 12th and pick up will be December 15th 10:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>We are also collecting names of any parishioners that are homebound or in nursing home. Please see Joyce or Norma</p>	
<p>If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector please call the parish office</p>		
<p align="center">Prayer/Line Book</p> <p>Anyone interested in joining our prayer line to pray for those in need please talk to Norma or Leanne in the parish office.</p> <p>To request prayers please call 774-955-0409</p>	<p>Good Shepherd has 3 Choirs. 4pm on Saturdays, 9:00am on Sundays, and 11:30am in Portuguese. If you would like to join a choir please contact Carlos Medeiros or he parish office</p>	
<p align="center">Bible Study at Good Shepherd</p> <p>Will resume on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in January</p>	<p align="center">Prayer Group at Good Shepherd</p> <p align="center">Monday and Wednesday nights 7:00-9:00pm in the Conference Room</p>	
<p align="center">Shepherding the Homebound</p> <p>Through home visits, reassuring phone calls and sending cards or letters on a regular basis, our ministers will engage the elderly/homebound through conversation and social support. Volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers can deliver the Holy Eucharist to those who ask. Our intent is to visit those in Nursing Homes as well as those restricted to their own homes. Homebound includes those parishioners who cannot easily get out of their homes due to temporary or chronic illness. You do not need to have a special need to ask for a visitor.</p> <p>Please contact the parish office if you would like to be a visitor or you would like to request a visit.</p>		
<p align="center">Prayer Blanket Ministry</p> <p>Tuesday, January 8th 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Good Shepherd hall, bring a lunch and a Yankee Swap.</p> <p>If you would like to join the prayer blanket ministry or to request a blanket please contact</p> <p>Joan Burda 508-679-6186</p>	<p align="center">Seniors' News</p> <p>Mohegan Sun Casino, Thursday December 6th. \$18 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel and \$15 food voucher. Bus leaves at 8:30am from Good Shepherd Church parking lot, South Main St.</p> <p>For more information or reservation call Phyllis 508-676-8378 or Adele 508-672-0030 or Ann 508-674-7355</p>	
<p align="center">Holy Rosary Sodality</p> <p>The Holy Rosary Prayer Intention for December : That we may all grow in Grace, Humility, and Charity.</p> <p>Beginning on December 5, the Rosary will be prayed at 5:30pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings prior to Mass. All are Welcome!</p> <p>For information in English or Portuguese call Norma 508-496-0199</p> <p>Saint Stanislaus December Prayer Intention: For the grace to welcome the presence and peace of Jesus that comes to us through the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and that the Church hierarchy receives the Holy Spirit's grace to</p>	<p align="center">Adult Sacramental Program</p> <p>A program to prepare adults for reception into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation (RCIA) as well as adults looking only for Confirmation, will begin in the Cathedral rectory on January 12, 2019, and will end before Easter. Classes will run from 3:00-4:00 each Saturday (except in inclement weather) and costs nothing. If you are interested, please call the rectory before January 12th and leave a contact number, or see Deacon Peter Cote after any of the Cathedral Masses. Thank you</p>	
<p>LaSalette Shrine Festival of Lights Mass Times:</p> <p>Regular Mass Times: Monday-Friday: 12:10pm and 4:00pm Saturday - Sunday 12:10pm, 4:00pm, and 5:30pm</p> <p>Reconciliation: Daily 1:00pm to 5:00pm Tuesdays and Saturdays (Portuguese - Spanish) 2:30pm-4:00pm</p>	<p align="center">Collections</p> <p align="center">12/2</p> <p>Saint Stanislaus Weekly: \$2,495</p> <p>Good Shepherd Weekly: \$2,380 Assessment: \$1,102</p>	

Permanent Diaconate Information Nights: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M daCunha, Bishop of Fall River, has authorized the formation of a new class for Permanent Deacons beginning in the spring of 2019. Those interested in pursuing the vocation of the diaconate, scheduled to begin the Aspirancy phase in the spring of 2019, are invited to submit a preliminary application. Additional details and a preliminary application is available on our website— fallriverdeacons.com. Information meetings will be held on November 8 with a final information meeting to be held on January 17, 2019. These general information meetings will delve into the process of formation of a deacon for the Diocese of Fall River. The info nights will be held at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center, 121 Mt Pleasant Street, New Bedford, 02740 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Lucca or Rev Robert Oliveira, Co-Directors of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at office@frpermanentdiaconate.com or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 508-990-0541

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program needs more team couples - both newly married and veterans (age is not a consideration). We constantly hear from those working in the program, how much they get out of their involvement.

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program meets in three locations: Mansfield, Dartmouth, and Dennisport on Cape Cod. In each location there is a team of volunteers that facilitate three to five sessions per year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please email or call the Office of Faith Formation at bbonneau@dfrcs.org or 508-678-2828 ext 13

The La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro is the location for a support group for separated and divorced persons. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12/11 from 7:00pm-8:30pm . For more information or for directions, please contact Dottie at 508-642-1928 or dojale@icloud.com.

LaSalette Retreat The seasons of Advent and Christmas challenge us to slow down and to take a step back from the pressing concerns of everyday life in order to reflect prayerfully on our current state of relationships - with ourselves, god, the people around us and the world in which we live. Come to a retreat which will breathe new life into the familiar Christmas stories and draw out implication for our day to day living. Journey with us to the manger, inside the Christmas story waiting in joyful hope from Friday, December 14 at 7pm to Sunday, December 16 at 2pm. Suggested donation: \$225 per person. A deposit of \$80 is required along with registration. Call 508-222-8530

Grief and the Holidays Workshop Coping with grief during the Holiday Season can be so difficult. If you are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, please join us to share memories, discuss challenges and affirm new growth and possibilities on Thursday, December 13 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Community Nurse Home Care, 41 State Rd Dartmouth, MA Please register by December 12 by calling 508-992-6278

We are happy to announce that the sacred heart food pantry at St Bernadette's is still open every Monday from 4-5pm. It currently needs to be restocked. They are in particular need of Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter, canned spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, hearty soups and stews, canned clam chowder, canned fruit and jelly/jams. If you could possible double bag your donations, it would be a great help. Non-perishable food items may be brought to St. Bernadette's on Mondays between 1:30 and 6:00pm. If you wish to volunteer your time and/or donate food, please call Cyndi 508-673-4954 or Janice 508-990-6224. Financial donations are welcome and checks may be made payable to Sacred Heart Food Pantry at St. Bernadette's and mailed to Holy Name Parish, 709 Hanover st. Fall River, MA 02720. Thanks

Save the Date: The Fall River Diocese 2019 Women and Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Stonehill College in Easton. Response over the past two years has been very positive to this one-day Lenten program that features noted speakers, music, Mass, fellowship and more. So, please mark your 2019 calendar now and watch for details on the Women and Men's Conference in the coming months.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Conduct yourself to please God." Please God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend are Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingston, RI.

MASSHIRE FREE WELDING TRAINING PROGRAM

MassHire is offering a free welding training program to earn certification in the field, and competitive jobs in welding and metal fabrication positions. For more information contact Debra Roy, Youth Employment Counselor, (508)675-9245 or droy@masshirebristol.org

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