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The Second Sunday of Advent
Segundo Domingo de Adviento

December 8th, 2024



A voice cries out in the desert...prepare!
filled valleys ... low mountains and hills ... straight roads ...
smooth ways ...

all flesh shall see the salvation of God

Una voz grita en el desierto... ¡prepárense!
valles llenos... montes y colinas... caminos derechos...
sendas suaves...

todo ser verá la salvación de Dios

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Bar 5:1–9 • Phil 1:4–6, 8–11 •

Lk 3:1–6

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday:

9am Family | 10:30am | 12:30pm Español | 5pm

Weekday (followed by the Rosary):

5:30pm Monday–Friday (Lannon Chapel)

8am Monday–Sunday (St. Mary's Chapel, BC)

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays: 4:15–5:15pm

Confession

Saturday: before Mass, 3–3:45pm

Please keep in your prayers:

Saturday, December 7

4pm Enrique Rivas

Sunday, December 8

5pm Patrick J. and Catherine F. Bowdring

Monday, December 9

5:30pm Susie Gomez

Tuesday, December 10

5:30pm Edward McAniff

Wednesday, December 11

5:30pm Rowena S. Hohman

Thursday, December 12

5:30pm Antonio Vitug

Friday, December 13

5:30pm Ana Rivas

Second Sunday of Advent Blessing

Generous God of light, we have been baptized into one family in Jesus the Christ whose coming we prepare to celebrate. During this holy season, may we empty our hearts and minds of selfish intentions so that being filled with your light we might celebrate your presence in each other and serve each other generously. Amen.

(Light two purple candles)

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Reflection on the Readings

Green Team Reflection

The readings for this second Sunday of Advent are a call to hope. It is so easy today to be weighed down by the world around us. There are so many reasons we may be led to despair. But today's readings exhort us to see that we must not fall into that pit, but rise above it.

In Baruch 5, people are called to take off their mourning garb and to lead Israel with joy, mercy and wisdom, with God "showing all the earth your splendor." This does not happen if we turn inward and fail to see our place in creation and our duty to guide and protect it. Our duty is to protect the endangered people in the world and the environment God has created for all of creation.

The poor of the world, the threatened species of the land and the sea, are in greater danger every day. Acting individually, it might seem insurmountable to face all of the threats to our world. That feeling can make us passive. Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si'*, tells us we work as one world. We do this by joining with others to combine our God-given intelligence, our energy, our resilience. We act as a community. We *can* have the power needed to truly prepare the way of the Lord.

– by Ann Arnold, Green Team Member



Hope, Gretchen Weitemier

Confirmations

5pm Mass | Sunday, December 8

As part of our Advent preparation for Christmas, we celebrate the Confirmation of four people participating in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Looking forward to Christ's coming, we are excited to witness **Tristan Caruso, Leah Vuillemot, Benjamin Lawton IV,** and **Jordan Humphrey** be sealed with the Holy Spirit as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor,

El Adviento es un tiempo en el que encontramos personajes que nos inspiran y acompañan mientras esperamos con gozo la venida de Cristo. Están los profetas de las Escrituras como Isaías o Juan el Bautista y, también, los santos de diciembre como Francisco Javier y Nicolás. Quizás el personaje más querido del Adviento es la Virgen María, la madre de Jesús. Durante este tiempo, nosotros acompañamos a María embarazada, que está a la espera del nacimiento de su hijo. Ella nos enseña a valorar los dones de Dios y a “meditar en nuestros corazones” mientras nos preparamos para la Navidad (Lucas 2,19).

Esta semana vamos a recordar y a celebrar a María en la parroquia con una misa dominical bilingüe por la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, además, celebraremos también la misa de la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción y las Posadas—que son la representación del viaje de María y José a Belén en busca de un lugar para que nazca Jesús.

A lo largo de los siglos, María ha sido nuestra fiel intercesora y compañera de viaje. Es la misma que canta a un Dios que levanta a los humildes y derriba del trono a los poderosos (Lc 1,52). Ella es Miriam de Nazaret, una mujer de pueblo y judía con profunda fe y devoción a la causa de la justicia. Una mujer que no se olvida de la difícil situación de los pobres y marginados. María defiende firmemente la dignidad y el valioso don de toda vida humana, especialmente la de los más vulnerables entre nosotros: los niños en el vientre materno y los ancianos en su lecho de muerte; los migrantes y refugiados que huyen de la persecución y la pobreza; los sin techo y los confinados en casa; los que sufren las atrocidades del racismo, el sexismo, la homofobia y los muchos otros “ismos” y fobias que asolan al mundo y marginan a tantos hermanos y hermanas.

Durante este tiempo de Adviento, les invito a que recemos para que María nos ayude a afrontar todos nuestros miedos y nos inspire a seguir confiadamente a su Hijo, pues tenemos la certeza de que “nada es imposible para Dios” (LC 1,37).

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Advent is a season filled with colorful characters who inspire and accompany us as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ. There are prophets from scripture like Isaiah and John the Baptist, and December saints like Francis Xavier and Nicholas. Perhaps the most beloved among these Advent characters is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Throughout the season of Advent, we walk with the pregnant Mary as she awaits the birth of her son. She teaches us how to treasure the gifts of God and “ponder things in our hearts” as we prepare for the Christmas season (Luke 2:19).

This week at the parish we will remember Mary with a Sunday bilingual Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the holy day Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and Las Posadas—the reenactment of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem in search of a place for Jesus to be born.

Through the ages Mary has been our intercessor and fearless companion who sings of a God who lifts up the lowly and casts down the mighty from their thrones (Luke 1:52). She is Miriam of Nazareth, a Jewish village woman of deep faith and devotion to the cause of justice and the plight of the poor and marginalized. Mary fearlessly stands for the dignity and sanctity of all human life, especially the most vulnerable among us: infants in the womb and elders on their death beds; immigrants and refugees fleeing persecution and poverty; the homeless and the homebound; those who suffer the indignities of racism, sexism, homophobia, and the many other “isms” and phobias that plague our world and marginalize so many of our brothers and sisters.

Let us pray during this Advent season that Mary will help us face all our fears and inspire us to boldly follow her Son with the confidence that “nothing will be impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).

Blessings,
Fr. John

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Today we are observing the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is held on December 12. This feast commemorates the five Marian apparitions in Mexico to Juan Diego in December 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe is now the patron of Mexico, Latin America, and the Americas generally.

Potluck Reception

Join us in the Friary Room for a potluck reception after Mass. All are welcome!

Immaculate Conception

Because December 8 is a Sunday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred to Monday, December 9.

We will celebrate with two Masses, one at 12pm and the other at 5:30 pm, both held in the Upper Church.

*Hail, Mary,
full of grace...*



The Immaculate Conception,
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, c. 1680

Mass & Mingle

December 15 after the 5pm Mass in Vanderslice Dorm

Join St. Ignatius and Church in the 21st Century at Mass & Mingle on December 15! Mass & Mingle is a social opportunity for 20- and 30-something Catholics in the Boston area to meet new friends and engage with faith and spirituality. Each Mass & Mingle has food, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), trivia prizes, and “a big question” to spark conversation about how we can “find God in all things.” Register in advance here: <https://forms.gle/xRz71RJpVNFUTnDs5>. All are welcome!



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Christmas Mass Schedule

You can cut out this schedule to reference later!



Children's Christmas Pageant:

Sunday, December 22 @ 9am

Christmas Eve Masses, Tue., December 24:

4pm Children's Mass

6pm Vigil Mass

9:30pm Choral Performance

Come early so you don't miss the choir!

10pm Mass at Night w/choir & orchestra

Christmas Day Masses, Wed. December 25:

10:30am English Mass

12:30pm Spanish Mass



We are still in need of Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers and more at our Christmas liturgies— please contact the Parish Office if interested! If you are not currently a Greeter, this is a good opportunity to sign up.

2024 Christmas Drive

Christmas Gift Drive is in full swing!

Christmas Gift Drive is in full swing! Gifts absolutely need to be returned on December 14 and 15. We have a short turn-around time this year, **so we need the gifts next weekend.** Be sure to bring your gifts to the “Workshop” in the Garden Level of the Parish Office building. Here's the information for Sign-Up Genius since all the ornaments have been claimed:

<https://bit.ly/GiftDrive2024>

Gift tags for presents bought off the Sign-Up Genius list can be found in the Gathering Space of the Church.



No Shattuck Fourth this Month

There is NO Shattuck Fourth Tuesday this month—it's Christmas Eve! We will pick up again on January 28.

Cloth Gift-Wrapping



December 21 @ 9:30am in the Friary Room

The St. Ignatius Green Team is hosting a Sustainable Cloth Gift-Wrapping Workshop on Saturday, December 21 at 9:30am. Join us to learn more about furoshiki, the Japanese art of cloth wrapping, as a sustainable alternative to using rolls and rolls of disposable wrapping paper. You're welcome to bring a gift to wrap, and everyone will be able to take a piece of cloth or bandana home with them.

Festive refreshments will be served!

El Café de la Esquina Bilingüe Bilingual Coffee Corner

¿Habla el inglés un poquito?

¿Le gustaría practicar hablarlo más?

Do you speak a little bit of Spanish?
Would you like to practice speaking it more?

El Café de la Esquina Bilingüe The Bilingual Coffee Corner

**Domingo 15 de diciembre a las
11:30am-12:30pm en el Salón del Café**

**Sunday, December 15 from
11:30am–12:30pm in the Friary Room**

*Para más información, contacte a | For more information, contact
the Parish Office and ask for Rita Rodriguez or Mary Brown
ignatius@bc.edu*

Las Posadas



Friday, December 13 | 6–8pm in the Lower Church

Las Posadas reenact Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in search of a place for Jesus to be born. We will walk with them to experience what it is like to search for refuge. We invite you, if you wish, to dress up for the role you want to play as you accompany them—shepherds, angels, or one of the animals.

Join us for bilingual Christmas carols and a potluck supper featuring traditional meals from around the globe, followed by a piñata.

Viernes, Diciembre 13 | 6–8pm en el Sótano de la Iglesia

Las Posadas recrean el viaje de María y José a Belén en busca de un sitio para que nazca Jesús. Caminaremos con ellos experimentando lo que significa ser buscar refugio. Les invitamos, si gusta, a disfrazarse en el papel que quiera jugar mientras los acompaña—pastores, ángeles, uno de los animales.

Participa con nosotros para cantar villancicos en Inglés y Español y compartir una cena "potluck" con platillos de alrededor del mundo y una piñata.

Save the Date! Women's Retreat 2025

The annual St. Ignatius Women's Retreat will be held February 14-16, 2025 at the Connors Center in Dover, MA. Our presenter this year is Emily Rauer Davis (who is also a St. Ignatius parishioner). Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection and conversation with other women of faith at this beautiful location. Watch the bulletin for registration details!

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Welcome!

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Sacraments

St. Ignatius Parish Team

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3-3:45pm in the Upper Church/Lower Church or by appointment.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA):
For adults seeking Baptism, and/or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

Baptism: For infant and young child Baptisms, contact Sr. Diane Vallerio.

First Communion: Preparation begins in grade 1 and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Communion in grade 2. For further information, contact Paula Gomez.

Confirmation: Preparation begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For further information, contact Paula Gomez.

Matrimony/Wedding: Parishioners, BC Alumni, and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact our Office Manager, Carol Russo, for available dates and details.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Forms/Letters

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent/sponsor letters, or permission for marriage, baptism, or confirmation in another parish.

Creating a Safe Environment at St. Ignatius

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Following Archdiocesan online security guidelines, we have removed email addresses from our parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or contact information for a parish group or ministry, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to share the appropriate information!

Contact the Parish Office for more information about anything in today's bulletin.

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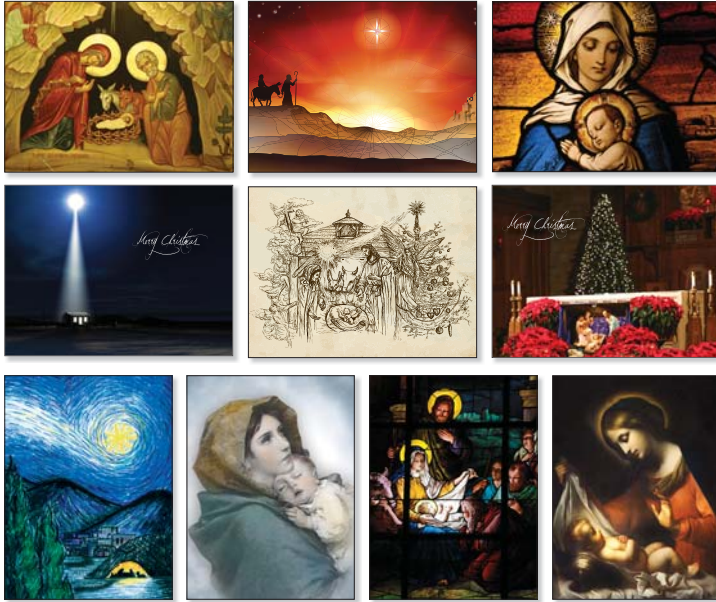
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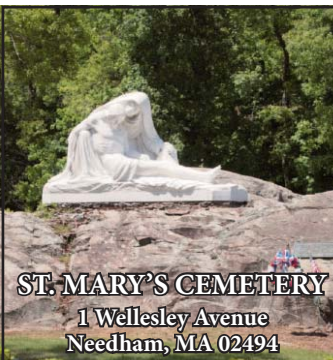


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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at 781-235-1841.

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