

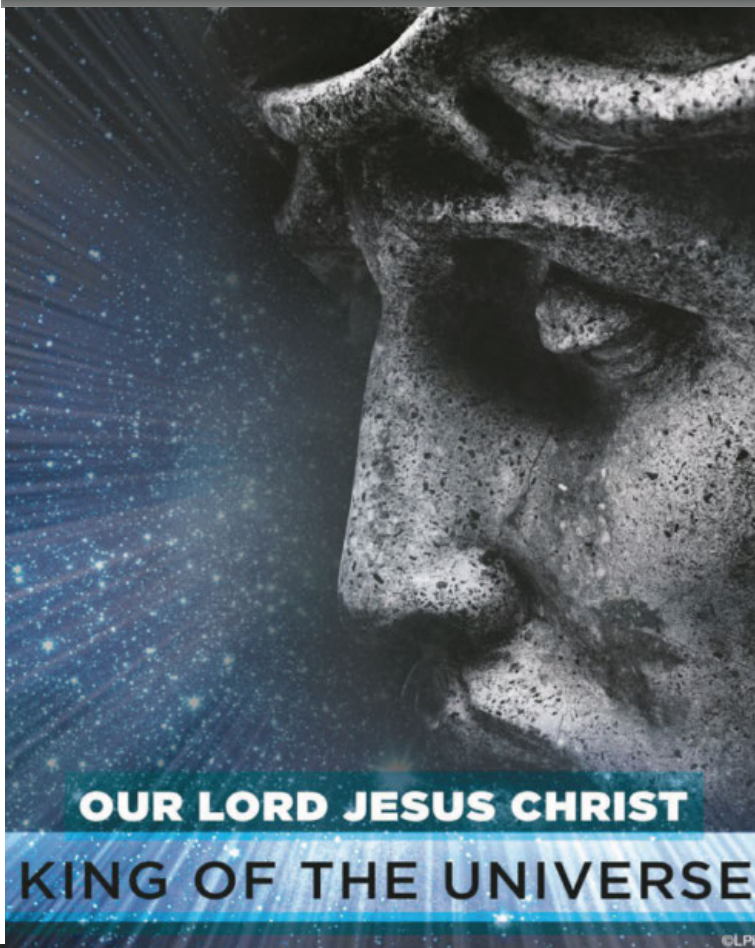


Saturday, 4:00 PM
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*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 November 26, 2023
 Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe*



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
 KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

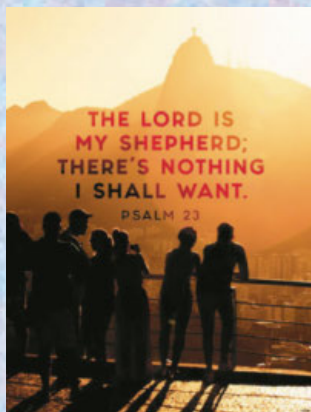
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 25, 2023

4:00 - Paul Martin — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, November 26, 2023

9:30 - Stephen Nyhan — 9th Anniversary

Cindy Nyhan — 3rd Anniversary

6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Saturday, December 2, 2023

4:00 - Kathleen Climo — 13th Anniversary

Fred Climo — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:30 - Joseph Garino — 3rd Anniversary

6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, November 26, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - Patricia Fortune — Memorial

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

9:00 - James MacKinaw — Birthday Remem.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - John Morawski — 2nd Anniversary

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

**MASSES WILL BE
AT
ST JOHN'S AT 9:00 AM
ST ANN'S AT 7:00 PM**



**CRAFT FAIR FOR BAKER'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND
AT SAINT ANN'S PARISH CENTER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
10 AM—4 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

We end our Liturgical Year this weekend with the Feast of Christ the King. This feast, which provides a “bridge” between Ordinary Time and Advent, gives us a picture of a king of a different sort. The type of king which is presented in our gospel passage today is atypical of how the world sees kingship. The world sees a king as a person of physical and military strength, one who gets what one wants by threat of force. The kingship of Jesus is one of humility, service and obedience to something greater than the world could ever imagine. The kingship of Jesus is unlike any other seen or experienced.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, puts His kingship in the context of how we serve our brothers and sisters. We are called to “see Jesus” and “be Jesus”. We are called to “see Jesus” in all whom we meet, to see the very face of Christ in all whom we encounter. We do this by seeing not as the world sees, but as God sees. We are further called to “be Jesus” to others who we come across in our everyday lives. We do this most profoundly by engaging in those “corporal works of mercy” spoken of in today’s gospel – feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick or imprisoned – and by putting our needs second to those of our brothers and sisters.

The challenging thing about today’s gospel comes in the fact that we have to live in the world. If we could stay within our own community faith, among those we love and respect, it would be easy to do all those things outlined in today’s gospel. It is easy to extend ourselves in love to those who love us back or appreciate what we do. We must undertake all of this, however, in a world that doesn’t always appreciate or understand what we are about as Catholic-Christians. People might wonder why we would ever take the time, energy or resources needed to extend these charitable acts to others, and we might even wonder ourselves. We do what we do, however, as Catholic-Christians, simply because Jesus commands us to do so; to be like Jesus, we must live like Jesus.

May we have the courage to extend ourselves in love to our brothers and sisters even when (perhaps *especially*) when it is inconvenient or painful. May we know that the good work we do, in engaging in the aforementioned “corporal works of mercy”, will bear great fruit someday. May we always trust that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit those who have no one to care for them, we are doing nothing less than communing with the divine and “cementing” our relationship with Christ, Himself.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

**OUR GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY!
IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR ENVELOPE,
THERE ARE ENVELOPES AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.**

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 10th at 1 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center. We are throwing a big birthday party for Jesus, so it will be lots of fun! All are welcome to attend, young and old. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our local food pantries as a present for Jesus.



Adult Bible Study Location Change

Due to the rehearsals for the Christmas Pageant, our Adult Bible Study will meet at 7 pm at **St. Ann on 11/29 and 12/6**. It will return to St. John on 12/13.

All are welcome to join us!

December Family Mass

Our December Family Mass is next Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. Fr. Paul will call all the kids up to join him in front of the altar for the homily, and there will be coffee and donuts afterwards. We also invite any of our kids who would like to do a reading or bring up the gifts to do so. If your child wants to do one of these things, please contact Matt Brady.

Christmas Brunch

December 3rd after the 11:30 Mass at St. John

**Tickets are \$5/person, \$20/family
Available by calling the office or after Masses starting
11/5 and must be purchased by 11/27**

There will be pancakes, sandwiches, fruit, pastries and more. All are welcome!



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

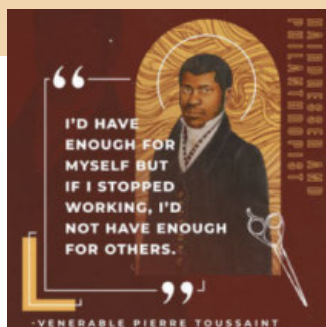
As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King this weekend, we move ever closer to Christmas (something which our society already started doing a few weeks ago, it seems!). While I will speak more on the importance of Christmas to St. Francis' theology of Jesus and philosophy of salvation, today I'd like to focus on the feast today, that of Christ the King.

While many think of St. Francis as a "rebel", one who bucked authority, they forget that he would not move forward with his plans to establish the Franciscan Order without approval from the Pope. It is certainly true that St. Francis was countercultural, especially in his treatment of the poor and marginalized. Yet, at the same time, he was a true "son of the Church", one who valued order and focus when it came to temporal matters. It was not at all contradictory for St. Francis to hold the belief that one could be "in the world" while still not being "of the world". This is one of the things that drew me to St. Francis. I've always seen myself as a "son of the Church", while still being one with the people. In fact, since my entry into life within the Secular Franciscan Order, I've actually become more of a son of the Church, as my time in the SFO has helped me to see how the Church has a role in shaping the world and the people within it. Furthermore, the life in the SFO has afforded me opportunities to be more "Christlike" in my temperament, my attitudes toward the world, and my worldview.

Jesus' view of "kingship" is that of a servant-leader, one who came into the world not to be served but to serve. This is markedly different than how the world views leadership. This is a view that St. Francis held, one that led him to establish a religious order whose charism is towards not the powerful but the weak, not the rich but the poor, not the haughty but the meek. As we close out this Liturgical Year, let us see this Solemnity of Christ the King as yet another opportunity to be of service to our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, marginalized, and disenfranchised. May it lead us to see Christ in all and to be Christ for all...just as St. Francis envisioned it.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS



THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE HEAT AND SNOW FUND

NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR LITURGICAL EXPENSES

Everyday Stewardship

One day when I was walking the city streets where I was giving a series of talks, I saw what appeared to be an older woman hunched over with a sign asking for help. At first I passed her, on my way to visit the local drugstore. But then I came back around when I realized that I had not been very mindful upon first seeing her. I didn't have much cash to give her, but as I always tell everyone else in my talks, oftentimes what people need more than cash is someone to at least acknowledge them. I reached into my pocket to give her what little I had and I simply said, "Hello. I hope you are okay and I hope you can use this."

When her face turned toward me I saw she was probably only about sixteen years of age and she was very beautiful. She smiled immediately and said how much this meant to her. She gathered up her few belongings and I watched her walk to a café for a meal. I turned to walk back to my lodging and I thought to myself, "She could have been my daughter." That's when the still, small voice spoke to me saying, "Don't you understand? That was your daughter!"

Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father? Who is your neighbor? Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus? A young homeless girl on the street can take on so many forms: stranger, neighbor, daughter, and Jesus. Unless we are mindful of those in our midst, we miss the chance to see any of them. We must never be fooled by appearance. That day I almost missed seeing my Lord.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Families have been surveyed, and the decision is to again give gift cards to children age 17 and younger in needy families. The families must meet one of the following criteria: be parishioners of St. Ann's, live in West Bridgewater, attend West Bridgewater schools, or be recommended by a parishioner of St. Ann's. As always, we rely on you to help us find the families in need of assistance. If you know of a family who is struggling due to a job loss, injury or disability, please call Linda Santry at **508-586-6535**, or email her, linda@santry.org.

All information is kept in strict confidence.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

St Ann Prayer Line:



To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

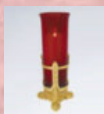
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SUNDAY, DEC. 24, 2023—
4th Sunday of Advent
 8:00 at St. John
 9:30 at St. Ann
 11:30 at St. John
No 6:15

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE
 4:00 at St. John and St. Ann
 6:00 at St. John
 12:00 (midnight) at St. Ann
CHRISTMAS DAY
 8:30 at St. Ann; 10:30 at St. John

Flowers, wine, hosts and sanctuary lamps
At St. John's
this week are in memory of
PATRICIA FORTUNE



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TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

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St Ann's
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508-245-5481 P O Box 474

Thank you to all whom have donated to the St. Vincent toiletry bags for our homeless friends. If you have not done so Please pick a slip from the baskets located at each door.. Thank you and God Bless. The next meeting will be on December 12th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater MA 02333
 Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
 Hotline—508-378-3760

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm**, and the **THIRD MONDAY** from **3 pm to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

Monday, December 4, 2023
Monday, December 18, 2023

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute that large sums., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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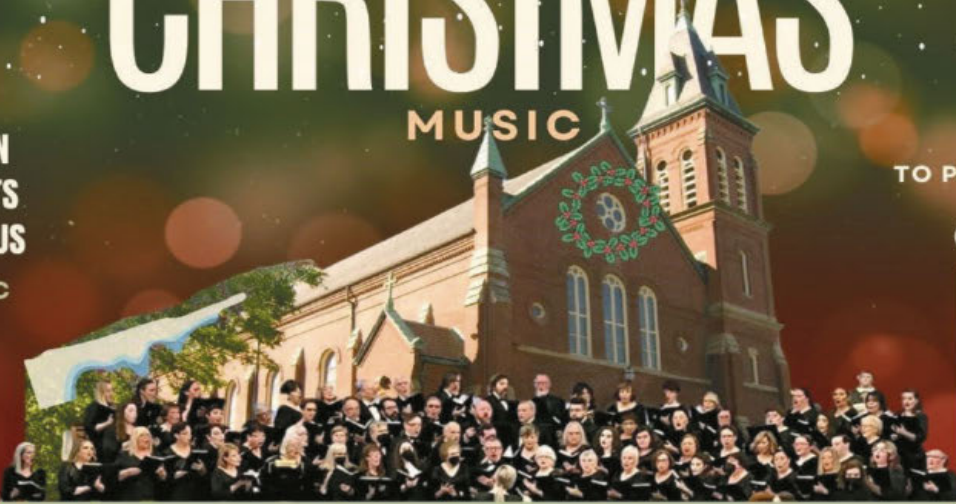
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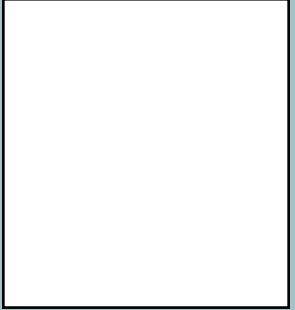

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