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## SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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Dec. 6, 2020

Holy Family Parish Center—370 Middleboro Avenue—P.O. Box 619 East Taunton, MA 02718

## Encounter Christ in the Sacraments

### **Holy Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
(The rosary is prayed prior to daily Mass at 7:35 a.m.)

### **Sacrament of Confession:**

**Saturdays from 3-3:50 PM at Holy Family.**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

(in the Parish Center Chapel)  
Mondays-Fridays 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

**The Rosary** is prayed every Monday in the chapel from 6-7 pm for Vocations. All are welcome to come and pray.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

By appointment. Parents must contact the Priest or Deacon for an appointment.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Those parishioners wishing to be married at our parish must contact the Priest or Deacon *at least 8 months* before the date of the wedding.

### **Visitation and Anointing of the Sick**

We are pleased to anoint and/or bring Communion to any parishioner who cannot participate at Mass for reasons of illness or age. Please contact us.

### **Bulletin Submissions —**

Please email [bulletinholyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinholyfamily@gmail.com) with any announcements at least one week in advance of the publication date.

### **Please Pray for the Following:**

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gail Nigloschy & Family | Kevin Gallagher & Family |
| Evelyn Driscoll         | Marc DeSousa             |
| Deborah Lewis           | Lindsey and Theo         |
| Adeline Marques         | Janice Fitzpatrick       |
| Mary daSilvia           | Liam Quinn               |
| Steve Kennealy          | Patrick Lynch            |
| Carmen Sousa            | Lorraine Moisan          |
| Meg Goslin              | Sylvia Medeiros          |
| Sr. Anita Marie         | Lorraine Rapoza          |
| Adam Gannon             | Julia Lopes              |
| Steven Bois             | Marianne Powers          |
| Heather Gacheco         | Denis Candlen            |
| Luzia & Adelino Grazito | Jean Poole               |
| Dennis Medeiros         | Aaron Lewis              |
| Edward Kerrigan         | Luke Sigler              |
| Dan Dolan               | Agostinho Rodrigues      |
| Jacqueline Van Dyke     | Robin Benoit             |
| Donna Guay              | Isabel Simao             |
| Ercilia de Jesus        |                          |

## Welcome

To any new parishioners or those who might be visiting our parish family this week! Please introduce yourself to the Fr. Wilson or Deacon Kevin. We are so happy you have joined us!

### About Us

#### **Parish Center**

438 Middleboro Ave., E. Taunton, MA 02718

#### **Office Hours**

Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

#### **Phone Numbers**

Rectory: 508-824-5665  
Parish Center: 508-824-5707  
Faith Formation: 508-824-3578  
Fax -508-822-2915

**Website:** <http://www.hfparish.net>

#### **Parish Staff**

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That Man Is YOU!  
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### Recurring Events

#### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm

#### **Knights of Columbus**

1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

2nd Wednesday at 1:00pm

**Masks will be required at all times** (with the exceptions for small children, at the judgement of their parents, and of those for whom health reasons preclude them from wearing them), except when you are about to receive the Eucharist.

**We have limited seating available at Mass** for the time being in order to insure the 6-foot social distancing. Because of COVID-19 and the Mass limitations, there is still a dispensation for all Catholics from your obligation to attend Mass. **Mass reservations** are required at this time so that we can accommodate as many people as possible at each Mass. We are limited to approximately 40 people at the church and about 55 at the Parish Center.

**Sanitizing wipes... THANK YOU so much for your VERY GENEROUS contribution of wipes to our parish!**

We look like we're going to be set for quite some time! We have received many containers after our plea! THANK YOU to our parish family for stepping up and helping! We are set for quite some time now!

**Century Club registrations are now being accepted for the 2020-2021 year.** The fee is \$100 to join and can be paid in full, or monthly over 10 months. This is one of our "quiet" fundraisers that has helped us many times in the past. We were able to buy all new vestments 4 years ago with Century Club funds. 2 years ago, we were able to renew our FORMED membership thanks to the club. We average about 90-100 people per year, but would LOVE to have more! Each month, there is a drawing of 7 winners for \$25 each and then at the end, we have a raffle of \$2,600 in cash prizes! If you register by December 6<sup>th</sup> and pay in full, you'll be entered into a one time drawing of \$100 taking place on 12/7. Usually at the end of the season we have a dinner/dance at no additional cost to our members. Unfortunately, due to COVID, that couldn't happen, but we did enjoy a wonderful to-go meal from Stoneforge instead. Please consider joining us if you haven't already! Applications can be found online, or by calling Tracey in the office.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Father David Marcham, who is our weekend assistant, has a part-time job opportunity in his work on the Sainthood Cause of Father Patrick Peyton and the Father Peyton Prayer Guild. The job title is the Assistant to the Vice Postulator and Guild Director. The hours are 4 hours per day (mornings) and one Sunday a month for the Guild meetings. Resumes should be submitted to Father David Marcham by email, [DMarcham@hcfm.org](mailto:DMarcham@hcfm.org). For more info, you can contact Father David or Father Rich.



### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday, December 5, 2020**

8:00 AM (C) Jeannette Morrison  
4:00 PM (C) The Roper Family  
7:00 PM (P) Vinnie Andrade

#### **Sunday, December 6, 2020**

7:30 AM (C) For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM (P) Joseph Sousa-5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:30 AM (C) Francisco Medeiros  
3:00 PM (C) Deacon Robert Normandin

#### **Monday, December 7, 2020**

8:00 AM (C) Thomas Nicol  
5:30 PM (P) Carl & Dora Dutra

#### **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

8:00 AM (C) Joaquim Camara, Sr.  
Noon (C) For the People of the Parish  
7:30 PM (P) Patricia Slavin

#### **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

8:00 AM (C) The Bulcao Family, Richard LaBelle, & DJ MacDonald  
8:00 PM (P) Fr. Henry Dahl

#### **Thursday, December 10, 2020**

8:00 AM (C) Natalie Rodrigues  
Joe & Gloria Oliveira  
3:00 PM (P) Deceased members of the Davignon family

#### **Friday, December 11, 2020**

8:00 AM (C) Robert Davidson  
4:30 PM (P) Noreen Cummings

#### **Saturday, December 12, 2020**

8:00 AM (C) Special Intention -Peace in the World  
4:00 PM (C) George & Julie Phillips  
7:00 PM (P) Ercilia DeJesus

#### **Sunday, December 13, 2020**

7:30 AM (C) For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM (P) Joseph Elliot Jones, Jr. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:30 AM (C) Daniel Nunes  
3:00 PM (C) Patrick Lynch



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

**HELP NEEDED AT BIRTH RIGHT.** BirthRight of Greater Taunton is in need of volunteers for our office on Tuesday and/or Thursday from 10 am-2 pm. You will be asked to help with greeting clients and determining their needs. Please call Mary Jane at 508-822-2911 for more information and interview.

BirthRight is located in the Dolan Center at 78 Broadway (Rte. 138), Taunton.

**CLOTHING NEEDED AT BIRTH RIGHT.**

BirthRight of Greater Taunton is in need of new or gently used children's clothing from size newborn to 4T for both boys and girls. They can be brought to the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10 am and 2 pm. Monetary donations in memory of a deceased loved one may also be made. Birth Right will send a card to the family to notify them of your donation and to give thanks. Any questions, please call 508-822-2911.

**Online Bereavement Support**

Due to COVID-19, live sessions are not allowed. Currently online sessions are offered on Tuesdays at 4:30pm and 7pm. Register in advance for the 4pm at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

The 7pm meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

**The Taunton Area Community Table Meal**

**Center (TacT)**, located at 378 Bay Street, has remained open during the pandemic. The model and hours have changed to follow the regulations imposed by the state to keep everyone safe. TacT is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM for Grab and Go meals. Each guest is given two meals each day, a main meal with salad and dessert and a lighter fare along with snacks, fruit and other items to supplement the meals. Meals are distributed from the side door. We remain no questions asked and all are welcome. With the cooler weather, there will be a food pantry box available on the side steps at the meal center, Friday through Sunday, with non perishable food items for those who may need something extra for the weekend. On the last Thursday of the month TacT is distributing a box of non perishable groceries during our regular hours of operation. No one should be hungry. We are all in this together after all. Please stay safe, healthy and calm.

**Confessions are available!** Fr. Rich is out in the parking lot during designated times to hear Confessions (if it is raining or hailing, he will be on the rectory porch – and if you approach from the driveway, he won't turn around, so that you can have anonymity). In the parking lot, if you don't want him to know you, simply drive up behind him and you can stay in your car if you'd like (or you can walk up behind him. He won't turn around). If you prefer, you can bring a chair and have a face to face confession, or you can also take a walk around the parking lot with him. This week the hours will be:

**Sunday, Dec. 6 from 9:15 to 10 am**  
**Thursday, Dec. 10 from 7:15 to 7:45 am**  
**Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 to 3:50 pm**

**HELP NEEDED!** One of the members of our parish community who is disabled is seeking a female helper on Sunday evenings from 3:30-5:30 to assist her with supper. Familiarity with a hooyer lift is helpful, but not required. The pay is \$15.75/hour through MA health. Please call 508-824-0072 for more information.

**TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL MASS:** Due to the way in which several of the Masses fill up quickly online, we have temporarily added another weekend Mass so as to better accommodate those wishing to attend Mass. It is at 3 pm Sunday in the church. We will continue with the other additional Mass (Saturday 7 pm at the parish center) and the other "regular" Masses (Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 7:30am, 10:30 at the church; Sunday 9 am at the parish center).

**Adoration has moved INSIDE at the Parish Center.** Due to the limited space in the chapel (only allowing 1-2 people at a time inside under social distancing guidelines), we have Adoration set up in classrooms 1 & 2 (which have been transformed into a chapel) Adorers will enter by the door at the front left of the building & you will be able to access the door for the temporary chapel from there. For now, the times will still be M-F from 11am-8pm and then First Saturday Adoration will be 10am-3pm. Masks are required and there will be limits on the number of Adorers that can be in there at one time. We ask that you help us by sanitizing your chair/kneeler before you leave with the wipes/disinfectant provided. Thank you! If there are more than 4 people (or if you arrive early), you can also see the Blessed Sacrament from the windows outside (where the bench is).

**St. Vincent de Paul needs your help!** Typically, at this time of year, plans are being made to sign those in need of assistance up for Christmas food baskets. Due to the pandemic, our SVDP group is reaching out to those who received help last year to see if they need assistance this year. **How can you help?** Since we are unable to take food donations at this time, SVDP is in **great** need of monetary donations to help them purchase the food for the baskets. Additionally, we will not be able to have the traditional Giving Trees set up in the church this year to avoid any contamination. What SVDP is asking is that anyone who would like to purchase a \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart or Target, the donated cards will be in lieu of the gifts, so the parents will be able to purchase the toys/clothes for the children themselves. As always, thank you so much in advance for your unending prayers and generosity!

**Time is ticking regarding state legislation (The “ROE Act”) recently passed by the House and Senate which essentially legalizes infanticide.**

We expect the budget (which has this legislation as an amendment) to be on the Governor’s desk soon. Once it gets there, the Governor will have 10 days to decide if he is going to issue a line item veto regarding this abortion amendment. If so, we need 54 Representatives in the House to sustain the veto. We are encouraged that 49 Representatives, from both parties, voted against the abortion amendment in the House when it originally passed only a few weeks ago.

We ask that you call your local Representative and petition him or her to support a line item veto from the Governor. Please encourage others to do the same.

Please Call Governor Baker and petition him to exercise his line item veto on the abortion amendment! I (Father Rich) have already called and left a message expressing my desire that he do this.

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**Tuesday (December 8<sup>th</sup>) is a Holy Day-** the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ordinarily, it is an obligatory Mass, but due to the continued dispensation from our Bishop because of the pandemic, it’s not required you attend, just like our Sunday obligation. Masses will be offered on Monday, Dec. 7th at 5:30pm for the vigil at the parish center, and then at 8am and Noon at the church and 7:30pm at the parish center on Tuesday, Dec. 8th for those wishing to attend. Please be sure to register online on our reservation portal accessed through our website. Thank you!

## ANGEL TREES

We are happy to announce that we WILL be able to do our Angel Trees once again this year, but with a different method of signing up due to Covid restrictions. We encourage anyone who would like to dedicate an angel to honor a deceased loved one, or someone living that you want prayers said for, to take advantage of this opportunity. The donation is still \$3.00 per angel, but we will not be doing sign-ups after Mass. Instead, we ask that you do one of the following in order to have your angel requests taken:

1. Text Nancy Ashworth with the name(s) to be included on each angel. Her number is 508-979-9642.
2. Email Nancy at [marangas@aol.com](mailto:marangas@aol.com) with the name(s) for each angel.
3. Only for those without a cellphone or email, you can call Tracey in the office.

**IMPORTANT information:** Please be sure to include YOUR name and phone number as well in case there are any questions. For payment, you can either send the \$3 per angel in an envelope via mail, drop it off at the parish center, or drop it in the collection boxes at the church or Parish Center. Simply write your name and the names of the angels on the envelope so we can match it up with the orders. Please also let us know if you prefer to have your angel displayed on the tree at the church OR the Parish Center (since we do Masses at the PC now, too). The deadline for submissions is December 18th. Let’s fill those trees up with prayers for our loved ones!



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