

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2022

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 19 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 20 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 20 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
John Cranston by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, November 20 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent

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**Thursday - Thanksgiving Day - 9 am at Holy Cross Church**

Saturday, November 26 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 27 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 27 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Kevin Hamilton by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, November 27 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

November 13 weekly collection: \$385 Fuel: \$327

Second Collection This Week: Campaign for Human Development

## PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.*

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.



May we remember to thank God for all our blessings everyday!

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...

November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

**ISAIAH 2:1-5 • ROMANS 13:11-14 • MATTHEW 24:37-44**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please contact Elizabeth Schroeder at [hchurchet@gmail.com](mailto:hchurchet@gmail.com) or at (978) 413-8833 with any questions.

## WORD OF LIFE

“We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.” — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story"*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Those of you who desire to do so, may make an offering for our Christmas Altar Flowers and decorations. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule. They may be given in memory of loved ones, whose names will appear in our Bulletin and who will have a special remembrance at Masses here during the Christmas Season.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Christmas

Dec. 24: 4:00 pm at Holy Cross

**Dec. 24: Midnight at St. Martin's**

Dec. 25: 10:00 am at Holy Cross

### New Year's Day

Dec. 31: 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Jan. 1: 8:00 am at Holy Cross

**Jan. 1: 10:00 am at St. Martin's**



This year, Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday. The weekend Masses will be altered, with the exception of Saturday, Dec. 31, which will be the regular 4:30 pm Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or special intention, see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588 and leave a message.

*The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him.*

*As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." — Lk 23: 35-37*



## OUR HOLIDAY FAIR IS JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY!

SAT., DEC 3, 9 AM - 3 PM AND SUN., DEC. 4, 9 AM - 1 PM  
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, BALDWINVILLE

Our baskets are completed — 40 beautiful baskets with themes ranging from Blueberry Treats to Bird Watchers, Dr. Seuss and Krafty Kids! We could still use some **GIFT CARDS** for the Chinese Auction. If you'd like to help out with a donation, speak to Pat Gale or Linda Columbus.

And don't forget to include our fair in your holiday baking plans! Baked goods, jams, candies and other goodies are needed for the Sweets Shop table.

### BABY FOOD, DIAPER & CLOTHING DRIVE

Remembering that Jesus came to us as an infant, each year our parish collects baby gifts — baby food, diapers, blankets and new clothing — to help young families in need. The donations will be delivered to the Healthy Families program at the Visiting Nurses office in Gardner in mid-December. A bassinet will be set up in the vestibule for your donations.

### 120 CLUB

Last Week's Winner was #74, Kathy Rupp. There are open numbers available. If you would like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

### TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the Templeton Food Pantry, and to the Knights of Columbus Food Drive this weekend.

The need continues year-round, however, and donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include juice, jelly, and cream style corn. Grocery store gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR IN ASHBURNHAM

St. Denis Parish, 85 Main St, Ashburnham, will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 am to 6 pm in Father Lacey Hall. Includes food booth showcasing soups, chowders, baked goods etc. There will be a scratch ticket raffle tree and other raffles and crafts. All are welcome!

### MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Plan now to attend the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 19 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21. Cost is \$130 per seat. Registration deadline is December 15. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. For more details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org). Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so.



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*Rosary*  
30 minutes before Sunday Mass

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
During this pandemic, please contact the rectory at Holy Cross Church, 978-632-2121, for an appointment

*Sacrament of Christian Marriage*  
Plans may be made by contacting the Pastor at least one year prior to the intended wedding date.

*Ministry to the Sick and Elderly*  
Please notify us when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized so that we may visit the confined person and offer the sacraments of the Church.

*Parish Registration*  
If you are new to the area, we welcome you to join our parish family. Please introduce yourself after Mass and register in the parish. We want to know and serve you.