

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Denny Francis

*Please remember St. Mary's Renovation Fund in your will.*

## WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM

## WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday	9:00 AM
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## MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00 AM every week  
(Memorial Day Weekend to October) at Old St. Mary Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday	9:30 AM
Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM

<b>VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR</b>	Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## EMERGENCY NUMBER: (603) 322-1644

This number is to be used to reach Fr. Sebastian outside office hours in cases of emergency.

## CATHOLIC OUTREACH HOURS

Tuesday	2:00 PM
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## ADORATION CHAPEL—24/7

Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

## ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other information regarding the parish cemetery.

**December 24, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
*Thirtieth Sunday After Pentecost*

## Christmas Flower Offering

### Offering by:

Charlene Addario

Marti Beagan

M/M Albert Belanger

Thomas Bertrand

M/M James Boisclair

Mary Chabot

Buckman Children/Grandchildren

M/M Richard Desbiens

Lorraine Dion

Doris Dorr

Dennis Francis

M/M Randy Fullam

M/M Raymond Gagnon

M/M Michael Gilbert

M/M Victor Hamel

M/M Glenn Houle

M/M Daniel King

M/M Paul Lafreniere

M/M James Landry

Joseph LaPointe

Norma Limoges

Karen McCusker

Joseph McElreavy

Pam Muzeroll

Joanne Petelle

Christine Puksta

M/M Mark Roberts

Lorraine Skowronski-Boggis

M/M Edward Small

Donna Therrien

Sue Veilleux

Margaret Villers

M/M Michael Wagner

M/M John Wolfe

### In Memory/Honor of:

Leonard & Anna Gerazin, Rick Addario, Katherine Lesnick, Domenico & Consiglia Addario, Alfonsina Addario

Mike Beagan, Mike & Beatrice Beagan, Sr., Lawrence & Helena Collins, Dan & Lois Collins

Arthur & Bernadette Belanger, Arthur Belanger Jr., Don & Theresa LaPoint

Charles Fletcher

M/M Roland Boisclar, M/M Paul Lessard, Kathleen Lessard

Leo & Barbara Lessard, Ed & Erleen Chabot, Claire Jacque

Mary Buckman

M/M Lucien Desbiens, Jennie D'Amante Bowen, C. Frank D'Amante, Tom Walczyk

Arthur Dion; Gertrude & Irene Bernier; Pauline Johnson; Arthur Dion Sr.; Gertude Dion

C. Edwin Dorr

Dick & Helen Francis

Charles & Joan Holmes, Mike & Denise Cummings, Charles Holmes Jr., Robin Flaig, Tela Flaig

Gilbert Family, McElreavy Family, Christine McElreavy, Roy & Marie Lucier, Johnson Family

Hamel Family, Elliott Family, Hebert Family, Nalette Family

M/M Gabriel Houle, Michael Houle, Joseph Langevin

Bob Kuhar, George White, Marie Darnell

Ben & Toni Lafreniere

Albert & Yvonne Landry

Mary LaPointe, Joseph & Marie LaPointe, Patrick & Catherine Mahon

Juliette Paradis, Therese Limoges

Peter McCusker; Jean Weed; Roger, Margaret & Mark Ferland; William Lewis; Lena Jewel

Christine McElreavy

William & Jeanette Muzeroll

Alex Puksta

Ray & Nellie Roberts, Charles & Jeanette Finke, Lorette Leclerc, Justin Roberts, Baby L

Michael & Lucille Skowronski

Joseph & Roseanna Therrien, Victor & Marion Small, Gary Small

Timothy Therrien

George Veilleux, Rudy & Marietta Lambert, Arthur & Doris Veilleux

Alfred Villers

Eugene & Bernie Theroux

# *Merry Christmas*



**December 23, 2023—December 31, 2023**

**Sunday Obligation:**

**Sat. Dec 23** **Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
4:00 PM Madelyn Willard (†)  
By Her Daughters

**Sun. Dec 24** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 AM Emig and Mathauser Families  
By Frank Emig

10:30 AM Robert Belaire (†)  
By Paul & Lorraine Lefreniere

**Christmas Obligation:**

**Sun. Dec 24** **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
4:00 PM Thomas Mathauser (†)  
By Frank Emig

**Mon. Dec 25** **The Nativity of the Lord**  
12:00 AM Paul and Rolande St. Pierre (†)  
By the Family

9:00 AM Gerald Gingras (†)  
By the Family

**Tue. Dec 26** **St. Stephen, the First Martyr**  
No Mass

**Wed. Dec 27** **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
No Mass

**Thur. Dec 28** **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
10:00 AM The Stetson Family

**Fri. Dec 29** **Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas**  
No Mass

**Sat. Dec 30** **Vigil of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
4:00 PM Rene and Bertha Lamarre (†)  
By Their Daughter, Cheryl Gonyea

**Sun. Dec 31** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
8:00 AM Michael and Sharon Gilbert  
By Steve Denis

10:30 AM For the People

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .**

Mon. Dec 25	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Tues. Dec 26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Wed. Dec 27	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1-8
Thurs. Dec 28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Fri. Dec 29	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Sat. Dec 30	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Sun. Dec 31	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

**PARISH OFFERING**

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 17, 2023**

Envelopes (54).....	\$1,832.00
Loose.....	\$928.00
Church Maintenance.....	\$827.00
Christmas Dinner and Dance.....	\$639.00

**ONLINE GIVING**

Offertory.....	\$1,277.72
Capital Campaign.....	\$273.70

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

<b>Christmas Fuel Collection</b>	<b>December 24/25</b>
Catholic Outreach	December 30/31

*Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish."*

*New Hampshire Catholic Appeal checks should be made payable to "New Hampshire Catholic Appeal."*

*Capital Campaign checks should be made payable to "God's House, Our Home."*

**PRAYER LIST**

**Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list**

Deb Bedard	Dennis Fontaine	Sylvia Michaud
Mary Brunet	Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	David Montano
Andy Champy	David Grey	Leanne Mortell
Kathleen Chaudhry	Jake Grey	Mary Ouellette
Sandy Colby	Renee Honeman	Shirley Pierce
Joseph Dalton	Geoffrey Houle	Mary Raymond
Liz Jones-Dern	Timothy Houle	Andrew St. Pierre
Bryant Dillion	David Immic	Janet Sullivan
Susan Doody	Donna Kulacz	Mary Sullivan
Jimmy Dunn	Pam LaBounty	Christine Snyder
Thomas Eagan	Diane Landry	Erika Thomas
Charles Eastman	John Laushance	Pauline Trottier
Frank Emig	Matthew Limoges	Louise Unger
Chuck Ferland	Fr. John Loughnane	Felicity Wallace
Joan Flaherty	Shirley McNutt	Joe Wallace



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Madelyn Willard  
as requested by her daughters.



Please consider online contributions  
to St. Mary Parish. Visit our website  
and click on the "Give Online" button.

**Welcome New Parishioners...** Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish!

Parish registration forms are available in the back of the church or on the parish website.

Please contact the Parish Office at [stmarysclemont@comcast.net](mailto:stmarysclemont@comcast.net) or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

## HYMNS—Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Processional Hymn:** #84—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Offertory Hymn:** #97—Come, O Come, O Love Divine

**Communion Hymn:** Choir

**Anima Christi:** #699

**Recessional Hymn:** #99—Savior of the Nations, Come



## Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish

If you or someone you know needs assistance with food or living expenses, please call Denny Francis of Catholic Outreach at 603-543-0551



## Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. December 23rd — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage  
Sun. December 24th — 7:30—10:30 AM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Aluminum cans only! Rinse out cans, do not crush them.  
5 cent plastic soda bottles marked VT accepted. Check markings!  
**Proceeds go to 2 seminarians and a postulant.**



Parish Ornaments For Sale  
One for \$20 or Two for \$35  
*Limited supply available*

2024 Calendars For Sale  
\$10.00 Each  
*Limited supply available*



## Great Gifts!

200-Year Anniversary Souvenirs!

**Bundle Deal: 2 ornaments and 1 calendar**  
**\$40.00 total**

To schedule a home visitation of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please contact Juanita Sweet at 603-477-1348 or [juanitajoy2@gmail.com](mailto:juanitajoy2@gmail.com).



Come and See!! The Men of St. Joseph is a lay men's ministry that promotes fellowship, prayer and education to all interested men of the parish. We are beginning a video series entitled "In the Footsteps of God - From Abraham to Augustine". This series explores the pivotal players in church history. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7- 8:30 pm. Meetings are held in the upstairs room in the chapel building. Further information, call Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130

## Advent Tree of Life

Monetary donations are still accepted until December 31. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our local families who are struggling. They will enjoy wrapping the gifts that you have so thoughtfully chosen and presenting them to their children on Christmas morning. The Claremont Kiwanis Club is the organization that is coordinating the giving of about 600 clothing gifts and many toys too! St. Mary's is the largest donor since we purchased over 180 clothing gifts this year. We could not do it without the help of so many of you! May the joy you have shared with others come back to bless your own Christmas! Thank you!



## Campaign Corner

The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. The project will go to bid early January.

Total pledges received as of Dec. 20th is \$974,100. Any funds raised beyond the total cost of the church exterior repair and restoration project will be used for additional capital improvement needs of the church. 100% of all gifts/pledges remain with the parish.

Please do not forget to make your weekly/monthly pledge payments. There are envelopes available in each church entrance for your convenience. Also, you are welcome to make your payments online.

## HOME VISITS



Fr. Sebastian visits the homebound on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call the Parish Office at 603-542-9518 or email Fr. Sebastian at [sebaaf-](mailto:sebaaf-)

*The Parish Office will be closed December 25, 2023 until January 2, 2024.*