



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 22
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Lorraine Strode (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 23
7:30AM	Parishioners of St. Bernadette
9:00AM	Vietnamese Liturgy
11:00AM	Birthday Blessings for Joseph and Marie Carole Perceval
MONDAY	DECEMBER 24
9:00AM	Louise Noris
4:00PM	Nativity of the Lord
7:30PM	Nativity of the Lord (Vietnamese)
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 25
9:00AM	Nativity of the Lord (Vietnamese)
11:00AM	Nativity of the Lord
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 26
9:00AM	St. Mary's
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 27
9:00AM	St. Mary's
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 28
9:00AM	Lina O. Mayo (1st Anniversary)
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 29
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Mary Vinciguerra (1st Anniversary)
	Ralph Vinciguerra (14th Anniversary)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 30
7:30AM	Francisco Xavier Mascarenhas, Loyela Mascarenhas, Maria Louro, and Salvador Louro
9:00AM	Parishioners of St. Bernadette
11:00AM	Allan McIntire

COLLABORATIVE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Bernadette Parish
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am (Vietnamese), 11:00am
 Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 9:00am

St. Mary Parish
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am
 Daily Mass: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at 9:00am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th

4:00pm and 7:30pm (Vietnamese)
 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 12 midnight at St. Mary's

Tuesday, December 25th

9:00am (Vietnamese) and 11:00am
 10:00am at St. Mary's

**Feast of the Solemnity of Mary,
 the Holy Mother of God**

Monday, December 31

Vigil at 4:00pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday, January 1

9:00am and 11:00am (Vietnamese)

Parish Support

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Energy Needs</u>
4:00PM	\$1,033.55	\$ 499.00
7:30AM	\$ 822.00	\$ 344.80
9:00AM	\$1,668.00	\$ 862.00
11:00AM	\$ 826.95	\$ 368.30
Totals	\$4,350.50	\$2,074.10

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER

12/23/18	Parish Outreach
12/25/18	Clergy Health & Retirement

GRAND ANNUAL: To date, we have raised \$36,275 toward our goal of raising \$60,000 for our parish. This once-a-year, major fundraiser for our parish continues until the end of January; so there is still plenty of time to participate if you haven't done so already.



This week's Hosts and Wine are donated in loving memory of *Mary and Ralph Vinciguerra*

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Pastor's Message

Reflections on the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

The readings today are about God breaking into the world to save us. The birth of Jesus is drawing quite near. The Christ child would be different from all others. God is with us, and God saves us. Please notice the great models of faith we have in Mary and Joseph, who are both models of lived faith for all people and all times. How blessed all of us are because of Joseph's and Mary's desire to do the will of God. Back then, there may have been no room for Jesus in the Inn, but it is wise if we have room in our hearts for Jesus and all of His wishes for us.

Moving into Christmas Day and the Christmas Season, what does it mean to let God dwell within our hearts? This is a wonderful time to reach out to loved ones and friends we might not usually see or speak to and others with the loving message of peace and reconciliation that Jesus makes all things new and He is our greatest hope. There may be people around us who have no one or someone whom we can help with some encouragement. The meaning of Christmas cannot be for just a day or a short period of time in our lives. Christmas is the invitation to find and bring out the best in people because that is what Jesus wishes to do with all. This is truly a time to rejoice by giving thanks and praise to God. When Christmas comes next year, what spiritual quality would we like to grow in during the coming year? My Christmas prayer for you is that this will be an exciting time of renewal, excitement and peace. This is my first Christmas with you, as pastor of both St. Bernadette and St. Mary Parishes, and I am pleased to be here.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Monday, December 24th: 4:00pm and 7:30pm (Viet.) at St. Bernadette's; 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 12:00 midnight at St. Mary's.

Tuesday, December 25th: 9:00am (Viet.) and 11:00am at St. Bernadette's; 10:00am at St. Mary's.

Christmas Collection:

Please remember all the monies collected in the Christmas collection goes to the needs of the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please be generous, if your means allow.

Hanging of the Christmas Greens . . .



There is lots to do, and we could use new and old volunteers to help on Sunday morning, December 23rd, at noon (after the 11am Mass) to decorate the church for Christmas.

Just stop by — even for an hour. Whatever time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Upcoming Events

Christmas Decorating Dec. 23 12:00pm Church

Christmas Message

We live in a world that is not unlike the world that Jesus was born into. Each day it seems we hear of crime, and violence and upheaval. Clearly, there is sin and darkness in the world. There are also extraordinary acts of goodness and kindness we never hear about. There are many angels among us bringing us the message of love and salvation.

Each Advent, as we did a few weeks ago, we experience the beginning of our journey and the Church year. There would be no resurrection without the birth of the Christ child. The Son of God, the face of God's mercy, the long awaited Saviour is with us. We focus on the hope this brings to a waiting and troubled world. Christmas is such a time to be hopeful, positive, and uplifting as we have much to be grateful for in life. Christmas is the time of the year for spiritual awe as God brings forth unconditional love for all in a most special way, the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. Each day God is here and shows His love for us, but Christmas is so special. Mary and Joseph shared the blessings of their child with the whole world. Their example, their love for the Christ and their desire to do God's will even with great personal sacrifice speaks volumes to all. God invites us to share this message of Christmas love and wonder with others. It is Jesus who brings not only peace and fulfillment of promises and salvation but also light, faith, knowledge, and the Spirit of God to a world so in need of this. Jesus heals us and saves us if we desire this. Jesus' wish is that each of us experience peace and love. Jesus is all about welcome and hospitality. How do we help others to be welcomed and experience hospitality?

As we celebrate His birth and prepare for His second coming, we are reminded of the history of all that has gone on and is going on in the world. When we count our blessings and share who we are with others, good things happen, and we can make a difference. We have seen that the birth of Jesus is an invitation to each of us to bring Him to others, particularly those most in need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Fr. Phil

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas! Savor Christ's presence in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and March 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

