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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

## December 1, 2024 | First Sunday of Advent

### Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
9:00am to Noon

And in the afternoons by appointment

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#### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 5:00 pm**

**Weekday Mass Schedule Mon-Fri 12 Noon**

**Holy Days 12 Noon and 6:30 pm**

#### Reconciliation

**Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm Sunday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm and by appointment**



### Catholic Appeal Double Your Donation

## Double your donation to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal!

Yes, you read that correctly: right now, you can double your donation dollars toward our parish goal for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal! **We are thrilled to announce that an anonymous parishioner has offered to match donations between now and December 31st.** You can make your gift online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). Be sure to indicated the church as Saint Raphael. **We need the support of all our parish families in order to reach our parish goal. Thank you!**



### Winter Weather Policy

Just a reminder that if the Manchester Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all parish facilities are closed. The parish office is closed and there is no noontime Mass. Also, you may check WMUR for closing updates.



### Food Pantry

The food pantry is always looking for volunteers to help out on Monday nights from 5:00 to 6:30pm.

Here is the link to sign up to be a food pantry volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/TH4PL>. Orders also need to be picked up from the Food Bank on Mondays. Feel free to sign up for as often as you would like!



### Parish Offertory

The Offertory for the weekend of November 30—December 1, 2024 will be printed in an upcoming bulletin.



The food pantry numbers for this week will be printed in an upcoming bulletin.

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**Monday** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday** Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday** Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### Saturday, November 30 ~ First Sunday of Advent Vigil

4:00pm: Our Parish Family

#### Sunday, December 1 ~ First Sunday of Advent

7:30am: +Patricia Clement by Ray & Dave & Claire Mailhot  
9:30am: +Luke Dambach (15th Anniversary) by Christine & Jack Dambach  
5:00pm: +Mary Rotta by her granddaughter Evelyn M. Ferris

#### Monday, December 2 ~ Advent Weekday

12:00pm: +LaRoche Family Deceased by the Family

#### Tuesday, December 3 ~ Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

12:00pm: +Kevin Gaynor by Malachy McCarthy

#### Wednesday, December 4 ~ Advent Weekday

12:00pm: +Souls in Purgatory by the Pereira Family

#### Thursday, December 5 ~ Advent Weekday

12:00pm: Vocations

#### Friday, December 6 ~ Advent Weekday

12:00pm +Deceased of the Handy & Brunelle Families by Greg Handy

#### Saturday, December 7 ~ Second Sunday of Advent Vigil

4:00pm: +Bob Breault by Florine Breault

#### Sunday, December 8 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am: +Patricia Clement by Eileen Smith  
9:30am: +Jack Toomey (21st Anniversary) by Kathy Toomey  
5:00pm: +Arlene Ackerson by the Wencis Family

### Our Parish Facebook Page

Be sure to check out all the parish information posted there.

### Parish Event Calendar

#### Saturday, November 30

#### Sunday, December 1

#### Monday, December 2

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

#### Tuesday, December 3

11:30am Parish Nurse (Parish Conference Room)

#### Wednesday, December 4

6:00pm Young Peoples AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

#### Thursday, December 5

7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

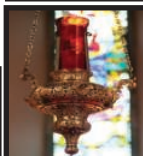
#### Friday, December 6

#### Saturday, December 7

#### Sunday, December 8

### Considering a Vocation?

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org



The sanctuary candle burns this week for  
+Bill Farrell  
by Pat Farrell

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Church Clean Up

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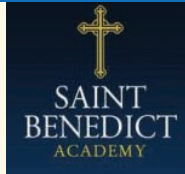
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December 9 Professional Development Day—No School

December 20—Half Day 11:30 Dismissal

December 23—January 3 Christmas Break



Clean Up Day  
Come join us!  
December 7th,  
2024



Coffee & Donuts at 7:30am

Clean up starts at 8am

Volunteers are needed to  
help clean the interior of  
our church

Donate 30, 60 or 90  
minutes of your time to  
help make our church  
sparkle & shine!

Sign up sheets are at the  
entrance of our church or  
contact our office  
@603.623.2604

### Christmas Flowers in Memory of Loved Ones

Donations for Christmas flowers will be accepted in the names of deceased loved ones and friends. A \$25 donation per name is recommended. Write names to be included along with the amount of the donations and send your offering to the parish office or drop it in the offertory collection. Envelopes are on the table at the main entrance of the church.

Those who receive offertory envelopes will find floral donation envelopes in your recent package. Special thanks to those who donate flowers, as we ask you to maintain your generous Christmas giving.

Thank you!



### Christmas Eve Mass

Calling all Angels, Wise Men, Shepherds to participate in our Christmas Eve Mass pageant. Costumes will be provided. Please contact Tauna Sisco for more information and to register at [TSisco@anselm.edu](mailto:TSisco@anselm.edu).



The 9:30 am Sunday Mass Choir is seeking new members. Please consider joining our Choir. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the choir loft.

PARISH PRAYER LIST All sick and/or medically fragile in our parish family and throughout our communities, our health care personnel, for first responders and essential workers: Sean O'Donnell, Paul Bedard, Jocelyn Ducharme, Richard Fudala, Jenna Harrington, Cindy Kenny, Amy Lesniak, Fr. Tom McGann, Claude Morin, Jake Richards, Kitty B. Rene, Lillie Duquette, and Jacob Rivera. If you would like a name placed on the prayer list or removed from the prayer list, please call the office at (603) 623-2604 or e-mail [SRP@st-raphael-parish.org](mailto:SRP@st-raphael-parish.org). Call each month to renew the listing.

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# ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>The First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>Begin your Advent journey by <b> blessing </b> your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice." Jeremiah 33:16</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>"By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives." Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 3</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Make plans to receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>In honor of Saint Nicholas, known for his generosity to those in need, in this season of giving, make a gift of your time or treasure to an agency that works with those who lack the necessities of life.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Consider joining the Walk with One Initiative (<a href="#">Walk With One</a>   <a href="#">Eucharistic Revival Initiative</a> for the Year of <a href="#">Mission</a>) to invite someone into a deeper relationship with Christ and to accompany them on their spiritual journey.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed today. Attend Mass and pray the Rosary, if possible.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds us that God's unfailing love encompasses all of us, regardless of immigration status, race, nationality, and all other differences. Learn more at <a href="#">Our Lady of Guadalupe - Justice for Immigrants</a>.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>On this Memorial of Saint Lucy, patron saint of persons who are blind, consider ways that your parish, community, and other groups can become more welcoming to persons with disabilities.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>"We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope." Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 7</p>

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