



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 15
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Jim Donahoe (11th Anniversary)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 16
7:30AM	Mary Hoyt (9th Anniversary)
9:00AM	Vietnamese Liturgy
11:00AM	Parishioners of St. Bernadette
MONDAY	DECEMBER 17
9:00AM	Special Intention for Mary Odenweller and Family
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 18
9:00AM	Joshua and Family
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 19
9:00AM	St. Mary's
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 20
9:00AM	St. Mary's
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 21
9:00AM	Mass of Thanksgiving for Martine Noel
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

Parish Support

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly Maintenance</u>
4:00PM	\$1,439.70	\$ 546.00
7:30AM	\$ 874.00	\$ 288.00
9:00AM	\$1,787.00	\$1,023.00
11:00AM	\$ 993.55	\$ 356.25
Totals	\$5,094.25	\$2,213.25
Feast of the Immaculate Conception		\$1,342.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER

12/16/18	Energy Needs
12/23/18	Parish Outreach
12/25/18	Clergy Health & Retirement

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

Penance Service

Tuesday, December 18th
 7:00pm-8:30pm (Vietnamese)

Wednesday, December 19th
 7:00pm at St. Mary's

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)



Please remember the souls of

*Rita Doan,
 Violeta Olivenza-Rogers
 Raymond Van Tassel*

May they rest in eternal peace.



To date, we have raised \$35,170 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.

Envelopes are located in the pews and on the tables at the entrances. This tax-deductible donation will help in keeping up with rising utility costs and various needs that come up around the many buildings on the grounds.

Thank you again for your PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!!!

Pastor's Message

Third Sunday of Advent:

Today the priest has the option to wear rose-colored vestments as a sign of joy that the coming of the Christ child at Christmas is so near. The journey through Advent is rapidly moving toward Christmas. Today is a good time to ask ourselves, what do we truly care about in life? How do we find joy in the Lord? How has this Advent made a difference in our lives? The readings today are inviting us to realize that how we relate to others is a reflection of how we relate to Jesus. How important to us is spending time with Jesus each day? By virtue of our Baptisms, our lives, like John the Baptist, are about others. Community is an essential element of joy. By being with others, we actively exceed ourselves and point people to the presence of God. If there is one person or group of people we would like to help, what is stopping us from helping them? John the Baptist puts responsibility in our hands. We are called to be the presence of God for each other. Through acts of kindnesses in word and deed and thanksgiving we express that God is near.

Extra Confessions:

Vietnamese Penance Service at St. Bernadette's on Tuesday, December 18th, at 7pm.

Penance Service in English at 7pm at St. Mary's on Wednesday, December 19th.

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.

Parking Issues at St. Bernadette Parish and St. Mary Parish:

Both at St. Mary's Parish and St. Bernadette's Parish concerns have been mentioned to me, and I have observed the following: in the case of an emergency, because of the way some people have been parking, emergency vehicles would not be able to get into where they need to be. Please park only in clearly marked parking spaces, and leave the fire lanes open. At St. Mary's, please keep the garage space and the driveway space by the rectory clear in case one of the priests needs to respond to an emergency.



Upcoming Events

Viet. Penance Serv.	Dec. 18	7:00pm	Church
Penance Service	Dec. 19	7:00pm	St. Mary's



Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree has tags on it labeled "Gift Cards" for anyone who would like to donate to those people in need this Christmas so they will be able to purchase whatever is necessary for their families.

There will be a box located in the back of the church to place your cards. Please give whatever you can by Sunday, December 16th.



Christmas Flower Envelopes

Christmas flower envelopes are on the tables at the entrances to the church for anyone who would like to donate to our Christmas flower/wreath fund in memory of a loved one.

You may drop them in any collection basket, or send to the Parish Office. Names will be published in a Christmas flower booklet. Please send in your donations by Sunday, December 16th.



Annual Sock Drive for Mainspring Shelter

During Advent, we are asking for donations of new pairs of men's socks. These socks will be Christmas wrapped and brought to the Mainspring Shelter in Brockton.

There will be drop-off boxes in the church foyer and also at the Religious Education Center.

Thank you for your generosity!

Forming Disciples in Mission . . .

a workshop in evangelization, is offering workshops this fall in English, Spanish, and Portuguese! Please visit disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples to register for a workshop.

Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.

~ Philippians 4:4-7