

**Saturday, November 26th**

4:00PM

John & Eileen Dorsey anniversary*Requested by their family***Matthew James Ferguson Birthday***(living) requested by his family***Deceased members of the Gaiero &****Goggin families requested by Mary Goggin****Sunday, November 27th**

8:30AM

Earl & Rose Smith requested by family

11:30AM

José Hernández pedido por familia

5:00PM

Peter Mungai in memory*Requested by Ann Johnston.***Monday, November 28th**

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant**Tuesday, November 29th**

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant**Thursday, December 1st**

9:00AM

Thomas "Ben" Keefe, anniversary*Requested by his family***Friday, December 2nd**

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant**Saturday, December 3rd**

9:00AM

Maria LaFleur requested by her family

4:00PM

Rosealma Desmarais family request*Birthday remembrance***Ena Bradshaw****Living and deceased Sisters of St.****Joseph who served at St. James Parish***Request of Ed Godfrey*

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially:
Cristina Ortiz and Taylor Brown

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM Mary Hartmann, 11:30AM Maximina Nunez, Pedro Romero 5:00PM Richard & Judith Dorr

WEEKLY COLLECTIONOffertory November 20th: \$4,800.50

Parish monthly offering: \$2,302.00

THANK YOU!**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend we will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Now in its 23rd year, the Collection provides needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Parish Capital Improvements

Pastor's notes: Happy New Year, liturgically speaking. This week we begin anew year of grace, the year of our Lord 2012. We will once again start a new to look at the mysteries of our faith and strengthen our commitment to Jesus Christ. We accomplish this by taking a whole year to think about the extraordinary events of Jesus and what his life, suffering, death, and resurrection mean to us. This year is the second of the three year cycle we use for the Sunday readings. The Gospel that we will primarily draw from is the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel is the shortest of all the Gospels and scholars believe that it was the first one written, although it appears second after the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament section of the Bible. It is estimated that the Gospel was written in the late 50's to the early 60's in the first century by a man named Mark who was a friend of Peter, our first pope. The Gospel was also written, it is generally believed for a community that was undergoing great persecution. One of the great themes of the Gospel of Mark is the question of Jesus's identity. No one knows who he is and only Peter declares he is the Messiah in the ninth chapter, a major turning point in the Gospel. From there Jesus starts toward Jerusalem and his passion. Throughout the Gospel there will be many moments that end with the question, "Who is this man?" The only person who will give the answer will be a guard who is at the crucifixion scene. He will declare that, "Truly this man is the son of God". There is the whole theme of the Gospel. One cannot truly know Jesus unless they accept the reality of the cross, with all its powerful truth. For a community being persecuted, this message would bring great consolation and understanding that God had not abandoned them, in the same way that he had not abandoned his Son as he hung on the cross. Related to this will be the sense of movement of Jesus across the Gospel. There is a sense of rushing that permeates the Gospel. We will hear that "and then, Jesus did this and then he healed and then, etc" The movement reminds me of breathless children recounting what happened, "...and then we waited to see Santa, and then we left cookies and then when we woke up they were gone along with the glass of milk and carrots we left for the reindeer...." It is a technique to keep us reading until we get to the end of the Gospel and hear the declaration of the soldier. This too has meaning as it is a person outside Israel who says this, a small, but significant and important moment in which the faith is seen reaching across to nations and peoples of all types. I suggest that if you can put aside one hour in this Advent season and read the whole Gospel through from beginning to end, you will see the whole story in this shortest of Gospels and prepare your way for the Lord in this Year of Grace that we hope will lead us closer and closer to Jesus Christ. Happy New Year and Happy Advent!



SANTA'S HELPERS understand that many families who helped in the past may be in need of help this year! **If you need help or know of a**

family that is in need of help, please call the Santa's Helpers at 978-372-2325. All calls are kept confidential.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" - Mk 13:33, 37

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2011	
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

NOVEMBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

27th Grades K – 9 meet 9:45~ 11:15AM
Confessions for Grade 9 at the school

DECEMBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

4th Grades K- 1& 3 – 10 Meet 9:45 ~11:15AM
4th Grade 2 meets at the Church for First Penance rehearsal
10th First Penance Celebration – Church at 11:00AM
11th Grades K – 9 Meet 9:45 ~11:15AM
Confessions for Grades 7 & 8 at the School
18th Family Mass at 8:30AM – Church
Followed by Coffee and donuts in the lower church.

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**ENJOY ADVENT!** Only a saint could maintain the patience needed to confront Christmas shopping, Christmas stress, and Christmas credit card bills. That's too bad because something else gets overlooked in the rush—and that's Advent. So here are a few brief ways to enjoy yourself over the next few weeks.

First of all, get to know Advent. This liturgical season is a time of waiting—something that we all do: we're waiting for some good news, for a better job, or for our lives to improve. Advent is a time when we think about waiting for God, so it fits in perfectly with our natural human longings. "Come, thou long expected Jesus," as the hymn goes. Advent is also the time of beautiful Scripture readings, like those from the Book of Isaiah. "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom." These are readings to give all of us hope! And Advent is the season for beloved church traditions, including the Advent wreath, which can easily be translated into home rituals.

Second, cut back on the craziness of Christmas preparations. Here are just a few suggestions: send cards only to close friends and family; drop one present per person from your list; and go only to the most essential holiday gatherings. Does that sound selfish? It's just the opposite! It will give you time to spend with those you really love, and more time to spend in prayer. Maybe Advent is when you can really settle into your spiritual life, by finding joy in the season and less stress in Christmas. In short, Advent may be the time that you've been waiting for! *Rev. James Martin, SJ*

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, Grade 2 will meet at the church** for First Penance rehearsal. All other grades, will meet at the school as usual. Grade 10 students are reminded that Confirmation Information forms are due on December 4<sup>th</sup> as well.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE WORKS OF OUR ST.VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH TODAY. DONATION BOXES ARE AT ALL DOORS. THANK YOU!**

**Linnehan-Grondin Funeral Home** invites all to their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00PM at their 129 Kenoza Avenue Funeral Home. A ribbon along with your loved one's name will be placed on the tree and lighted with a donation of \$5.00 per ribbon. Each year, a family served by the funeral home will be chosen and all proceeds will be donated to a charity which they held close to their heart. For more information, go to their web site at [linnehan-grondin.com](http://linnehan-grondin.com). Flyers can also be found at the back of the church.

**SACRED OBJECTS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS**  
Unbroken sacred objects are needed for Religious Education Students: crucifixes, statues, rosaries, sacred medals. Please place items inside the large plastic bin at the back of the church (look for the yellow sign) If you have any questions please call Gerry & Ann Johnston 978-372-3824. Thank you and God Bless you!



**Advent Evening Prayer** will take place at 6:15pm on Sunday evenings immediately following our 5:00 Mass beginning tonight November 27<sup>th</sup> and ending on December 18<sup>th</sup>. This short service, filled with scripture, song and reflection is a wonderful way to take a few moments for your self to sit, reflect and wait for the Lord! We are looking for people to participate either as a presider (one who leads the service), a lector(one who will do a scripture reading) and a person to do a personal reflection(a short comment on the reading. These three positions do not REQUIRE singing. If any of these interest you, please contact Cynthia at 978.372.8537 x202 or email [stjamesmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesmusic@hotmail.com). We have a few spaces open at this time. It is a wonderful experience if you have never attended. *Bring a friend*, refreshments follow in the Choir Room.

Over 22 women joined together this past Saturday for our first combined **St James and St John the Baptist Women's Retreat** at Rolling Ridge, No. Andover. The retreat, entitled "Women of the Bible, Women of the Church" was led by Deacon Leo Martin and Fr. Felix Phiri. Those that attended were very happy with the day and enjoyed not only the great talks, the wonderful homemade breakfast, lunch and cookies but also the beautiful landscape and walks along the Lake. There will be more wonderful spiritual events like this in the future. Watch your bulletin



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES WHILE SERVING TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEIR SAFE RETURN.**

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### Mass Schedule November 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 27<sup>th</sup>

(Start of New Liturgical Year)

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Felix

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Leo

10:00 AM St. John the Baptist Fr.

11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson

5:00 PM Mass Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo

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**COME ONE COME ALL** to our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00AM to 6:00PM at the St. James School, 415 Primrose Street.

Crafts, jewelry, basket raffles, toys, stocking stuffers, crocheted item, white elephant table, baked goods and much much more! Any questions please contact Margaret Marnon at 978-377-0043

**BAKED GOODS:** We are looking for donations of baked goods for our bazaar. Baked items can be dropped at the Rectory all day on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> or at the school on Friday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 ~ 8PM. Please contact Margaret if you have any questions. (978-377-0043).

**WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE:** All the proceeds from the White Elephant table will be donated to our *St. Vincent DePaul Society*. We are looking for donations of new or "slightly used" items to sell. Knickknacks, frames, jewelry, china, glassware etc. Donations can be dropped at the school on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 ~ 8PM or you can call Maureen Menzie to make arrangements for pick up! Call Maureen at 978-387-3695.



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**THE GOD OF THIS CITY TOUR** flows from a belief that **young people** (youth and young adults) are “a special gift” who have the power to change and shape the future (Novo Millennio Inuente, 9). The gift that they are, and the gift that they bring to the life of the Church is desperately needed today! Please join us on **Tuesday evening, November 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm at All Saints Parish**. This event is free, although donations are appreciated, and open to all ages. Enjoy a Live Band, Adoration and Inspirational speaker *Father John Capuci*. Please visit [www.GodofThisCityTour.com](http://www.GodofThisCityTour.com) for more details.

### **Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Seán on the Importance of Participation in the Sunday Mass**

Cardinal Seán has written a Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Mass to all Catholics in the Archdiocese.

One of Cardinal Seán’s requests in the letter is that every Catholic will reach out to a fellow Catholic that has been away from the Church. Please read the letter online at [www.BostonCatholic.org/SundayMassLetter](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/SundayMassLetter) and share the link with friends and family members.

¡Feliz cumpleaños! Podemos decir esto al comienzo de nuestro año litúrgico. Hoy tenemos la oportunidad para reflexionar sobre nuestra fe y que pasó con nuestra fe durante el año pasado. ¿Crecimos en la fe o en nuestro entendimiento en la fe durante este año pasado? Necesitamos agregar una practica, un retiro, asistir a una clase o participar en los eventos de la parroquia? Estas son las preguntas en las que podemos meditar para prepararnos para este año que empieza hoy.

Con el principio de este nuevo año, empezamos con un nuevo evangelio, el evangelio según Marcos. Los expertos creen que este evangelio fue el primero en ser escrito, se cree que Marcos tendría alrededor 50 o 60 años, entonces esto es alrededor veinte años después de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. El Evangelista era un compañero de Pedro el primer Papa. Su estilo de escribir es sin aliento y rápido. Por ejemplo usa la palabra “inmediatamente” muchas veces para significar el movimiento. Es como un niño contando a sus padres que paso en una actividad en su escuela. “Comimos y después tomamos nuestro descanso y después dibujamos y después jugamos un juego y mi equipo gano y después etc”. La acción es muy importante, sin embargo no tan importante como la acción del fin del evangelio. Durante el evangelio nadie puede suponer o decir quien Él es, hasta que uno de los soldados declara al verlo colgado en la cruz y dice: “Verdemente este hombre era el hijo de Dios”. El punto es que nadie puede entender a Jesús sin aceptar la realidad de la cruz. Durante este tiempo vamos a descubrir cómo aplicar esta realidad a nosotros también. *La paz, P. Roberto*

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