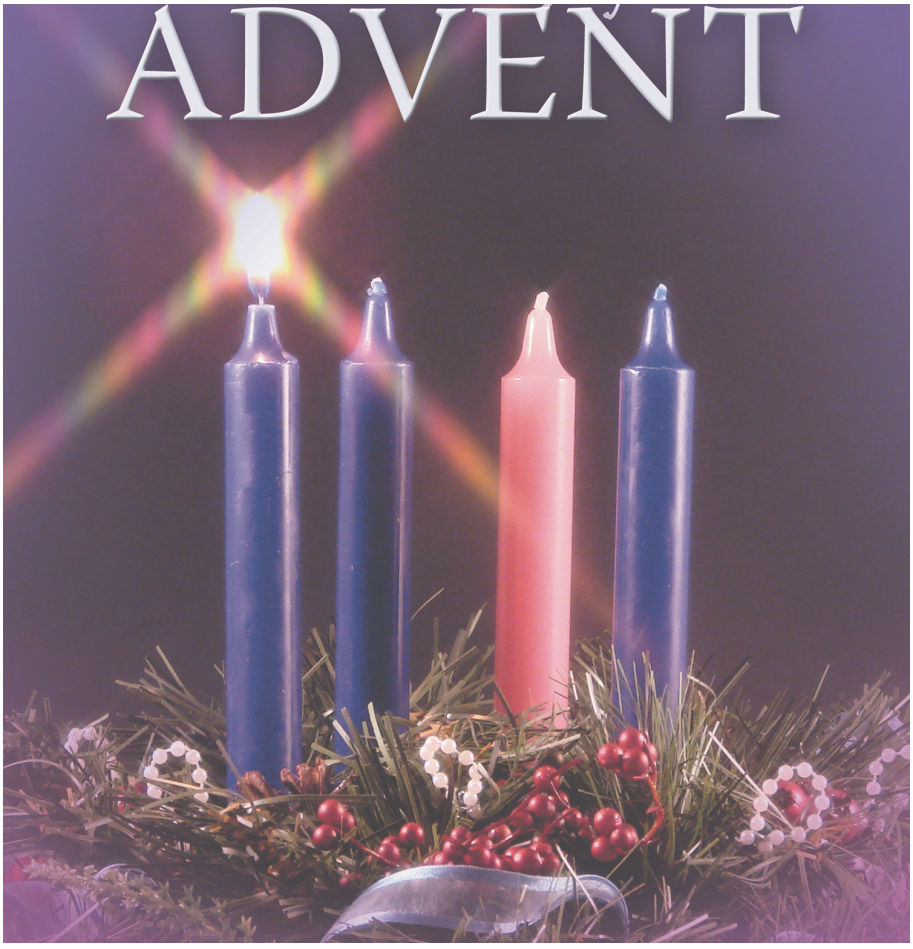
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 05:00pm (Vigil) OLF
Sunday | 08:30am IC, 10:30am OLF

Weekday Masses

Monday | 08:30am
Tuesday | 08:30am
Wednesday | 05:30pm
Thursday | 08:30am
Friday | 08:30am
Saturday | 05:00pm

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INFORMATION

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 - 10:00 AM - FRIDAYS AT OLF

RECONCILIATION

OLF 4-4:45 PM SATURDAYS

ANOINTING THE SICK

CONTACT RECTORY 603-526-4484

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

CONTACT RECTORY 603-526-4484 in advance six months for marriage and 30 days for baptism.

PARISH STAFF

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OUR MISSION

OLF AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We are a Catholic faith community called by God to holiness. Our calling is realized in a spirit of love, unity and hospitality. As a faith community, we will deepen our knowledge and love of God in Christ. We seek to devote our time, talent and resources in a spirit of service based on our Baptismal commitment, founded on the Word of God and celebrated in sacramental life, especially the Eucharist.

WORSHIP WITH US

November, 29, 2026 | 1st Sunaday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11/28
05:00pm † Tom Linnehan (dec) by His Family
Sunday 11/29
08:30am † For The People
10:30am † In memory of Claude LaChance (dec) by His wife, Jean
Monday 11/30
08:30am † Anthony Evans (dec) by Deacon Greg and Allyson McGinn
Tuesday 12/1
08:30am † Vicki Poratti (dec) by The Woolson Family
Wednesday 12/2
05:30pm † The Intentions of the Poratti Family (liv) by The Woolson Family
Thursday 12/3
08:30am † For The People
Friday 12/4
08:30am † John Moore (liv) Anthony and Carla Venti
Next Saturday 12/5
05:00pm † Frank DelGiudice (dec) by Jane Birk
Next Sunday 12/6
08:30am † For The People
10:30am † For The People

PARISH WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon. Nov. 30	8:30 am - Mass at OLF 9:00 am - Rosary OLF
Tue. Dec. 1	7-8:30 am Men's Scripture - Hall 8:30 am Mass at OLF 9:00 am Rosary 2-4 pm Bible Study - LMR 6-8pm OCIA - LMR
Wed. Dec. 2	5:30 pm Mass at OLF 6:30-8 pm Book Discusssion - Hall
Thur. Dec. 3	2:00 pm Mom to Mom group - Hall 8:30 am Mass at - OLF
Fri. Dec. 4	8:30 am Mass at OLF 9-10 am Adoration - OLF
Sat. Dec. 5	4-4:45 pm Confession - OLF 5:00 pm Mass at OLF
Sun. Dec. 6	8:30 am Mass - IC 9-10:15 am FF (Parents) OLF Hall 10:30 am Mass - OLF 10:45 am OCIA - LMR 6-7:30 pm FF Ministry Youth LMR

CONGRATULATIONS

Parish Council has recognized four special council members for their dedicated service on council. They are: **Sara Harkins, Scott Reid, Deb Russell and Mary Thayer**. God Bless each of you for your service to our parish.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

November 22, 2026

Due to an advanced printing date the financials are unavailable at print time.

OLF OFFERINGS

Retirees - Make your RMD a gift of Faith! If you need to take your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your 401 (k) or 403 (b) before year-end....please consider asking your account custodian to send a donation directly to NH Catholic Appeal/OLFIC. You may reduce your taxable income while helping our parish continue its mission and ministry. It's a wonderful way to share the blessings you've received and put your faith into action. A tax-smart gift that blesses both you and our parish - a true win-win!

Living Flame of Our Lady of Fatima at Our Lady of Fatima Sactuary. This week the candle is for: James McPadden by his family.

You too can light this weekly candle in reverence and petition, birthday or anniversary. Offering fee is $10.00 per week. Please make arrangements with the Parish Office at 603-526-4484.

Replenish The Food Pantry

The KLS Community Food Pantry is asking people to donate food items this month. Our Lady of Fatima has been asked to donate Hearty Soups and Stews for the month of November. Please leave your offerings in the Narthex of the church in the appropriate box. We thank you in advance for your generosity to the Food Pantry.

Homebound / Hospitalized: Communion will be brought to anyone unable to attend Mass. Please call: Cheryl Dean at 603-770-6622 or Marc Clement at 603-526-6851

Loaves & Fishes Help Line: 800-978-6395
Catholic Charities: 800-562-5249

PARISH NEWS NOTES

- Flu and cold season is upon us. Not feeling well? Stay home and watch the Mass on Livestream. Go to OLFIC.Org and scroll to Livestream and press enter.
- **Women's Society Christmas Luncheon will be December 10th at the 74 Main Street Restaurant in New London. Your menu choices: cod, steak tips, and chicken with salads and desserts. This year's price is $45.00 per person. Info: Rosemary Silverberg at 603-526-7940 and/or Caroline Scully at 603-526-7371.**

WORSHIP WITH US

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TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Renew your faith in the new year

While you probably haven't yet made plans for New Year's Eve, for Catholics and other Christians, today is new year's day. The "church year"—the annual cycle of feasts and seasons—begins today with the start of our anticipation of Christ's birth. Interestingly, the scripture readings for the First Sunday of Advent always talk about Christ's Second Coming, not his first, when he will return at the end of time to bring fulfillment to all he had begun on Earth. As we enter once again into one of the great mysteries of our faith, God becoming a human person and revealing God's self in a human being, we have an opportunity to renew what our faith in Jesus means to us. Watch for the "return" of Jesus, both as an infant and the glorious Lord, and for the signs of his presence in your life.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Today's readings:Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 (2).
"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

A friend once told me, "When I was young, I was so broke, I couldn't even pay attention." It's a clever line. Even when your pockets are empty, you can still be attentive. And yet, we often find creative ways to spend our attention on anything but what matters most.

We begin the season of Advent with Jesus' words about how we maintain our attention. He says, "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37). He describes servants waiting for their master's return. Their task is simple: stay alert. Be ready to open the door, welcome him, and serve. That is why they're there. Advent reminds us that this is the purpose of our lives, too. God is coming to us. The question is whether we are awake and ready to receive him.

How do we train our attention for God? One powerful way is the age-old Christian practice of vigils. Praying in the quiet stillness of night — free from all distraction — focuses the heart and awakens a deeper awareness of God's presence. This Advent, watch for the coming of the Lord by the practice of vigils. Not in theory, but concretely. The Lord is coming. The awake, attentive heart will recognize Him.

— Father John Muir

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK ~ UPDATE....

Please take a few minutes to review the names and let the office know if anyone should be removed. You can email us at: parishoffice.org or call at 603-526-4484. Starting with the first bulletin in January, all names will be removed from this list. You will need to re-submit the names starting January 4, 2027.

Margaret Marschner
Cailyn Dezotell
Honey Kohler
Matt Ezovski
Joseph Ganley
Felicity
Bill Connors
Debra Marshall
Charlie Freiberg
Raheleh Hariri
Ken Celmer
Dee Belle Isle
Randy Currier
Robyn Muller
Michael Lenihan
John Moran
Joanne Watson
Jeanne Wallace
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Catherin Parquett
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Laurel Ann Anderson
Renata Schmidt
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Jeanne Demars
Barbar Jean Cannon
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Heather Steve
Roman Caparo
MP McEnrue
Tim Fleury
Doreen Currier
Carla Everson
Pat & Jack Murphy
Gene Firm
Rob Grant
Paula Rosander
John Moore
Lindsay Herrin
Maureen McEhhern
Paul Finnegan
Theresa Sullivan
Caroline Meeker
Thomas Draper
Rose Turgeon

St. Andrew Christmas Novena, Explained!

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. It is recited 15 timed daily.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus "the Lamb of God." Andrew followed Jesus, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities is now serving ages 4 and up for counseling in the Manchester office and they also have offices located in Nashua, Lancaster, and Littleton for in-person or telehealth sessions. They offer individual, families, and couple counseling.

If you are interested or for additional information please call 603-624-4747 or go to: https://www.cc-nh.prg/services/mental-health-counseling/ to request services.

PROFESSIONAL CATHOLICS

Christmas

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.



The *Area Choir Christmas concerts* will be presented on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM at South Congregational Church, 20 Church Street in Newport, NH.
There is no admission charge; a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information email TheAreaChoir@gmail.com, visit The Area Choir Facebook page or call 603-863-4007.

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