

# St. John the Evangelist



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## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

### **PASTOR**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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### **PARISH CENTER**

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### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM  
Saturday 8:00 AM

### **HOLY DAY MASSES:**

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the parish center

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM  
Please call for information

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

### **ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Bernadette Nadeau

### **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

### **ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

For those that need a little help,  
please call: 508-435-3313x207



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 28, 2021:  
*Jer 33:14-16/ 1Thes 3:12—4:2/ Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

5:00 PM Marcia Cabral

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Joseph Kenney

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

9:00 AM Thomas Bagley

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

9:00 AM Patricia Bagley

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

9:00 AM Robert Bagley

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

9:00 AM Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living intention)

5:00 PM Special Intention

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

8:00 AM John & Martha Slack

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY**

On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church**. All are welcome.

**Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners**

There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church**  
**NEXT Saturday, November 27.**

2nd collection **THIS** weekend  
 Retired Religious Sisters

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

**COFFEE HOUR & BAKE SALE**

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by St. John's Middle & High School Youth Ministry. The Youth Ministry will also be hosting a fundraising bake sale at the coffee hour.

**Grand Annual Collection**

Our 2021 Grand Annual Collection is now underway. The Grand Annual is the single most important component of the parish budget after the regular offertory collections. Last Fall we raised over \$60,000 for the operating expenses of the parish, and this year's goal is \$55,000. Please pray about what you can do and return your pledge or contribution as soon as possible. Thank you to the many parishioners who have already sent us their 2021 Grand Annual donation. Your continued support and sacrifice that you make in behalf of St. John's is very, very much appreciated!



**Please Remember in Prayer**

All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

**PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE**

**Through Purgatory to Heaven**

The souls in Purgatory are those who have some kind of disfigurement on their souls, a self-love, something they will not let go of which prevents the full saturation of the soul with divine love.

**What are the sufferings of Purgatory?**

1. The greatest and most intense suffering is that of not possessing God, the beatific vision. But the holy souls must first be purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God's fire of divine love. **Heb. 12:29**
2. The holy souls suffer a painful "holy sorrow" for all the pain and hurt they have caused others and themselves in their lives and there is nothing they can do about it. The full satisfaction involved in appeasing God's justice.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

**Love should not die at death**

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 11:45AM followed by Benediction. Please feel free to drop in for a visit.***

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.

### St. John's Bible Study

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to [rusoire@aol.com](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

### St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

While the 40 Day for Life campaign is officially over, abortions continue year-round at Planned Parenthood. The latest statistics show that 4,808 babies were killed at Boston's Planned Parenthood in 2020. That is 92 unborn children killed every week. At the Planned Parenthood in Worcester, the latest statistics show that 2,086 babies were killed in 2020, about 40 per week. (Information provided by 40 Days for Life campaign directors.) If you know anyone in need of **post-abortion healing**, please let them know that free help is available by contacting Kathy at Silent No More/ Surrendering the Secret at 508-397-7280 or [Massachusetts @SilentNoMore.com](mailto:@SilentNoMore.com).

### MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

### Religious Education Classes

All Religious Education classes have begun for this school year. If you signed your child up for home schooling and haven't picked up the book, please come by the office to receive it. If you have any questions, please contact us at: Mary Pawela, grades 1-6 ([mpawelastjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelastjn@gmail.com)) or Debbie Lysik, grades 7-10 ([dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net)).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all the benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your past and ongoing donations of cash and gift cards are greatly appreciated and used to provide support to Hopkinton residents in need. The Society is now looking for help with Christmas food and gifts for those in need. Supermarket gift cards and Target gift cards are especially needed. Denominations of \$50 and \$75 work best, but any amount is helpful. Gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to the parish business office (20 Church Street). We are also looking for parishioners to play Santa for a few Hopkinton families in need. If you are interested, please call Colleen at 508-497-9144. Thank you all again for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission!

### DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with undergarments and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras—new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**

### October 2021 Monthly Collection

	10/2-10/3	10/9-10/10	10/16-10/17	10/23-10/31	Ave	
Head Count	364	326	363	347	350	16
	Total					
In Seat	4,118	4,247	5,533	9,780	23,678	
Mail-in	2,970	485	2,021	2,506	7,982	
Electronic	1,560	1,560	1,560	3,119	7,798	
Total	8,648	6,292	9,114	15,405	39,458	
Prior Yr.	6,216	6,733	7,486	13,349	33,784	
	2,432	(441)	1,628	2,056	5,674	
	39%	-7%	22%	15%	17%	
Prior Mo.	6,875	10,916	9,149	7,346	34,285	
	1,773	(4,624)	(35)	8,059	5,173	
	26%	-42%	0%	110%	15%	

Note: October has been normalized to 4 weeks for reporting purposes.

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 93: 1-2, 5; Revelation 1: 5-8;  
John 18: 33-37**

Daniel's vision of "...one like the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven;" and receiving an everlasting dominion, glory, and kingship is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, Emanuel: God with us. Unlike earthly kings he humbled himself to share our sorrows, struggles, disappointments, pain, and even death to free us from our sins by sacrificing himself. He, who always was and always will be, became one of us not to take away our sorrows and pain but to share in them. His Kingdom is of infinite and unimaginable dimensions, immeasurably extended in time and space. Thus, the things of this world can never satisfy or make us happy for very long.

In today's gospel, as he interrogated Jesus, Pilate could not understand Jesus' declaration: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." In the very next line (not included in today's gospel), Pilate asks, "What is truth?" Pilate could not see beyond the dust, corruption, and brutality of the earthly Roman Empire.

We were fashioned by God to seek, to know, and to love the truth. In other words, we were fashioned by God to seek, to know, and to love Him. Such is our destiny if we focus on what is above and allow the grace of God to conform us to His will and His ways. The answer to Pilate's question (What is truth?) is that God IS Truth; and Jesus, the King of Kings, is the Incarnation of Truth. The question for us is can we see the TRUTH through the dust, corruption, lies, brutality, and expanding tyranny of the modern world? The TRUTH is "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings." (Hebrews 13:7-9).

