

# *St. André Bessette Parish*

*Star of the Sea Church  
Salisbury*



*St. Joseph Church  
Amesbury*

*December 10, 2023*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way. Mark 1:2



# St. André Bessette Parish

**Parish Office Address:** 11 Sparhawk Street, Amesbury, MA 01913

**Hours:** 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Thursday **Closed:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

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**W**elcome! We are glad you are here to join us in worship in the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass). At the Eucharist, the Church comes together to hear the Word of the Lord, to pray for the world's needs, to offer the sacrifice of the Cross in praise and thanks to God, to receive Christ Jesus in communion, and then to be sent forth in the Spirit as disciples of the Gospel. If you are not familiar with the Mass, the Order of the Mass can be found on pages 3-29 of the Breaking Bread hymnal. We call particular attention to the text of the Gloria and the Nicene Creed located on the inside cover. The scripture (Bible) readings for today's Mass can be found on **page 36**

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday

4:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church -  
6:00 p.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)  
9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### Monday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

#### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)

#### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

**Reconciliation - Wednesdays,** 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Parish Office, 11 Sparhawk St., Amesbury

**Baptism:** Call parish office for scheduling

**Sacrament of the Sick:** For home emergency or when entering the hospital, please call the office.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made by calling the parish office at least one (1) year in advance for marriage preparations and desired date.



**St. Joseph Church**  
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Salisbury, MA 01952



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## *St. André Bessette Parish*

We would like to cordially invite you, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and even your relatives who are from out-of-state to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us this Christmas. Here are our Mass times for Christmas and Christmas Eve:

### **Christmas Eve (Sunday, 12/24)**

- 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church - School St., Amesbury
- 4:00 p.m. Star of the Sea Beach Chapel - 141 N. End Blvd., Salisbury
- 6:00 p.m. Star of the Sea Town Church - 18 Beach Rd., Salisbury
- 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church - School St., Amesbury (Choir sings Christmas songs before Mass at 7:30)

### **Christmas (Monday, 12/25)**

- 8:00 a.m. Star of the Sea Town Church - 18 Beach Rd., Salisbury
- 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church - School St., Amesbury (Note the time change)

## Nativity Play



Join us for a Nativity Play put on by our Faith Formation students, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall!

### **Date/Time:**

Sunday, December 17 immediately after the 9:30am Mass

### **Location:**

St. Joseph's Upper Church; reception in the Parish Hall



### **ADVENT PRAYER**

#### **Blessing the Advent Wreath with Children**

Dear Jesus, as we light the candles on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring Hope and Peace to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this Christmas season. Amen.

#### **Week 2, Peace**

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.





**MILITARY FAMILY OUTREACH**  
*Please remember in your prayers the men and women of our parishes who are serving our country.*

- SSGT Ben Dignard, USAF, & wife Aurora
- 1LT Nicholas Fortuna, US Army National Guard
- SGT Keagan Gorman, USMC
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*Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Remember Our Veterans**

Whether a veteran is physically in battle or just mentally, we mustn't forget the price that they've all paid. Some veterans have found salvation from their post-traumatic stress disorder however, others have not.

When you utter prayers for veterans remember that a soldier's work is never done. Even though they may not be physically on the front lines their mind and soul may still be there. All in all, it's important to pray for protection for the men and women in uniform. It's important to not forget their sacrifice. We shouldn't categorize their prayers in representation of a holiday or celebration. Instead these prayers for our soldiers should be recited every day. Thank you for your service.



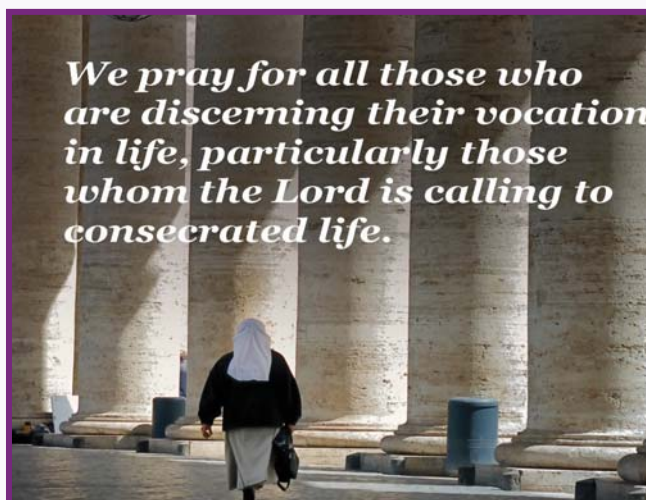
**PRAYING FOR OUR FUTURE PRIESTS**

Please include in your prayers, an Archdiocese of Boston seminarian by name every day and at every Mass.



**Seminarian:**

- Sunday, December 10 - Paulo Carvalho
- Monday, December 11 - Nicholas Colon
- Tuesday, December 12 - Ryan Henderson
- Wednesday, December 13 - Jake Livingstone
- Thursday, December 14 - Christian Ortez
- Friday, December 15 - Rafael Rubio
- Saturday, December 16 - Christopher Silebi



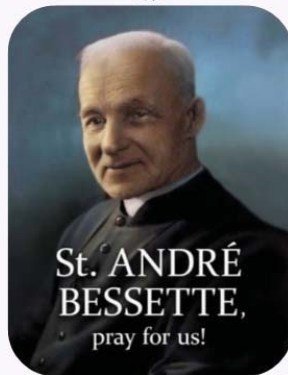
*We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation in life, particularly those whom the Lord is calling to consecrated life.*



**Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick in our Parish**

*May the Spirit of Christ renew the gift of life within them and bring healing to their minds, body and spirit.*

- Pat Ponticelli, Edward Kelleher, Dotty Jean, Joyce Meekins, Maureen & John Leahy, Anthony Ronan, Bob Sousa, Paul Palen, Stacia Simmons, Liam Ford, Paul Lajoie, Kathryn Connelly, Helen Fricano, Deacon Paul Specht, Patrick Sonier, Hannah M., James Blood, Nanette Daley, Carole Young, Brian Donahue, Liam Austin, Matthew Specht, Julio Folgar, Jennifer Campano, Glenn Fournier, Joan Ferraro, Mary B., Dan G., Marty G., Armand Hyatt, Elizabeth Mulcahy, Sandra & Cliff Buttry, Paige Klein, Liam Ferrick, Jennifer Riley



God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant, St. André Bessette a great devotion to St. Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted, help us through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen



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**Thank you and God Bless you.**



**St. André Bessette  
Combined Weekly Offertory  
Star of the Sea and St. Joseph Churches**

**Saturday/Sunday, 11/25-26, 2023 Offertory**

83 envelopes:	\$2,891.00
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**Upcoming 2nd Collections**

- December 10 - Heat
- December 17 - Maintenance
- December 23/24 - Clergy Health
- December 31 - Electricity

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**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 9**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Arlene & Tony Wallaga & Mary Benjamin  
 6:00 p.m. Star of the Sea - Robert E. & Christopher Kelley & Lilliane DiCroce

**Sunday, December 10**

8:00 a.m. Star of the Sea - Sandra Jutras  
 9:30 a.m. St. Joseph - James W. Humphries Jr.

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 11**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Cynthia R. Steeves

**Tuesday, December 12**

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Celebrant's Intention

**Wednesday, December 13**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Roland Becotte

**Saturday, December 16**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Margaret Quinn & Susan Quinn Yelle  
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Theodore C. Williams

**Sunday, December 17**

8:00 am Star of the Sea -  
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Mass of Appreciation for those who contributed to St. Joseph Grand Annual

**Monday, December 18**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Agnes David & Norman Gautreau

**Tuesday, December 19**

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Deceased members of Casale Family

**Wednesday, December 20**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Mary Regina Spurk



**St. Joseph Church, December 2023**



**Host & Wine**

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**Star of the Sea Church, December 2023**



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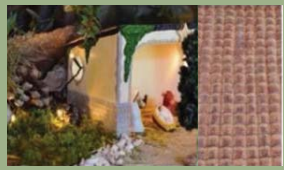


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