

St. André Bessette Parish
Star of the Sea Church  *St. Joseph Church*
Salisbury *Amesbury*
February 22, 2026



1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION / ADORATION

St. Joseph Church: Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Star of the Sea Church: Every Monday during Lent from 6:00-7:00p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration

By Appointment: Contact office or speak to priest after any Mass.

Adoration - St. Joseph Lower Church: 1st. and 3rd Monday of the month 5:00- 6:30p.m.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call parish office for scheduling

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

Marriage: Contact the parish office at least one year in advance to begin marriage preparation process. Wedding ceremony can only be scheduled after completion of first meeting with priest or deacon.

150th / 75th Anniversary Prayer

Almighty God, we praise you for all the blessings that you have bestowed upon us through the St. André Bessette Parish community. We thank you for the many generations of faithful men, women, families, and pastors who together have built up your Body of Christ in Amesbury, Salisbury, and beyond.

Inspired by the example of St. André Bessette, grant us the grace to be authentic witnesses of your redeeming love and to be faithful stewards of the great mission to which you have entrusted our parish. May St. Joseph, Foster Father of the Child Jesus, protect us as we seek to build a secure home for all, and may Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us to our haven of peace and light, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

St. André Bessette, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

150th/75th Anniversary Celebration LENTEN MISSION: SAINT AUGUSTINE AND THE RESTLESS HEART

A journey from restless searching to conversion, confession and praise.

Over three evenings, Fr. Brian Dunkle, S.J. will guide us through the most influential conversion story of all time, exploring the timeless wisdom it offers to every restless heart seeking God.



March 1-3 • Star of the Sea Church
(Sunday through Tuesday)

Evening Schedule

6:30pm – Adoration (Confession available)

7:00pm – Benediction

7:10pm – Mission Talk

7:45pm – Meet & Greet (Lower church)



Lent 2026

Weekly Events

Confession & Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays, February 23 – March 30
6:00pm – 7:00pm • Star of the Sea
Come spend some quiet time before Lord's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 20 – March 27
6:00pm • St. Joseph

Calling all Men!

Fellowship – Formation – Prayer

Join Fr. Patrick for a six-part Lenten Bible study series.

For six Saturday mornings, we'll discuss the men of the Old Testament Sunday readings and how they wrestled with God's call in their lives.

Saturdays, February 21 – March 28
7:30am – 8:45am • Parish Hall (Amesbury)
Each session stands on its own, so come whenever you can!

Special Events

Solemn Vespers for the Solemnity of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm – 7:30pm • St. Joseph
Join us for a special service of chanted Psalms and prayers as we honor our patron saint.

Friday Simple Supper

Friday, March 27, 6:30pm • Parish Hall
Free-will offering to support St. Vincent de Paul Society



PRAYER

FASTING

ALMSGIVING



Please take a **Rice Bowls** on your way out of church and return by Easter weekend, April 4/5, with your almsgiving donation.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound by the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all.
FAST: Catholics over the age of 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal (meatless) is allowed. Two other meals (meatless), sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juice are allowed.

The 9:00 am Tuesday Mass will return to Star of the Sea Town Church, Salisbury, on Tuesday, February 24.

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, February 22– Diego Arrellano
- Monday, February 23 - Aaron Beecher
- Tuesday, February 24 - Rafael Gonzales
- Wednesday, February 25 - Romeo Saucedo
- Thursday, February 26– Christopher Siverio
- Friday, February 27– Adam Sorrels
- Saturday, February 28 - John Turner



Please remember in your prayers the 24 men and women of our parish who are serving our country.

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

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.



Paul Palen, Hannah M., Carole Young, Sandra & Cliff Buttry, Jeanine Fowler, Renee Fowler, Eileen Hughes, Donna O’Neil, Jodi Rogers, Charles Termine, Terry Brooks, Shiela Prentiss, Margaret Corkum, Charlie Laudani

Liturgical Spirituality Corner

At Mass, Christ is present both in **Word** and **Sacrament**. His presence in the Word is distinct from private scripture reading because at Mass, the Word is proclaimed publicly to the entire Body of Christ, the Church. Thus the proclamation of the Gospel at Mass is carried out with reverence and ritual solemnity, culminating with the acclamation, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” A parallel moment happens during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when, at the moment of consecration, Christ becomes present sacramentally in his very body, blood, soul, and divinity. This moment is likewise followed by an acclamation such as, “When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.” Although the Mass is ultimately a prayer to God the Father, these two acclamations are prayers specifically to Christ, because at each of the moments preceding – the proclamation of the Gospel and the consecration of the bread and wine – Christ is made present in a new way. And for that, we render him thanks and praise!

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the season of Lent, the Church proposes three pillars of Christian life for us to focus on: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A Doctor of the Church, St. Peter Chrysologus, famously wrote: “Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.” The goal of Lent is not simply to say more prayers, give up something successfully, or be more generous. Rather, through these practices, we seek to draw closer to Jesus Christ and grow in deeper personal union with Him.

On Ash Wednesday, our foreheads were marked with ashes. At first glance, this may seem to contradict Jesus’ instruction in the Gospel not to make a show of our prayers. But the ashes are not a display of holiness — they are a humble acknowledgment of who we are without God, and a visible sign of our desire to turn back to Him.

A fundamental truth of the Christian life is that we are all wounded by sin. Its effects can prevent us from fully embracing the loving plan God has for each of us. Yet the Good News of Jesus Christ is this: God’s mercy, forgiveness, and healing are always offered to us — no matter how often we have fallen. I strongly encourage everyone to take the opportunity to make a good confession this season and experience the transforming power of His grace.

Each act of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is a small “yes” to God — a “yes” to trusting Him, a “yes” to following Him, a “yes” to becoming the person He created us to be. And over time, these many small “yeses” become something greater: a deeper freedom in Christ and a more generous heart.

Let us encourage and support one another throughout these forty days!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

St. André Bessette Parish

Weekly Offertory

February 7 - 8, 2026

Offertory Collection	\$5,217.00
Online Giving	<u>\$2,401.00</u>
Total:	\$7,618.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Next 2nd Collection

February 22—Catholic Relief Services, supporting the Church throughout the world.

July-December Weekly Averages

- Expenses: \$14,500
- Offertory income: \$9,500
- Other income*: \$4,200
- **Average net loss: \$800**

**gifts, Fall Fair, Grand Annual, funeral/wedding fees, parking lot rental, etc.*

Projected Weekly Expenses beginning June 1, 2026: \$15,500

This is a \$1,000 increase that reflects the hiring of a **Manager of Finance & Operations** and a **Coordinator of Faith Formation**, bringing both roles to a sustainable staffing level. Currently, the Manager of Finance & Operations serves on a temporary volunteer basis, and the Coordinator of Faith Formation role is filled only on a very limited interim basis, resulting in lower-than-normal operating expenses.

2025 Annual Financial Report is available online and at the back of the church.

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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Mass for the People
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Marion Graham

Sunday, February 22

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Deacon Paul Specht
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Josephin Morel &
 Joseph & Vincent Lapore

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23

9:00 am St. Joseph -

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Michael Kollar

Wednesday, February 25

9:00 am St. Joseph -

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Norman Stuart
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea -

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Star of the Sea -
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Michael Shay

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 2

9:00 am St. Joseph -

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am Star of the Sea -

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am St. Joseph -



St. Joseph Church, February 2026

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