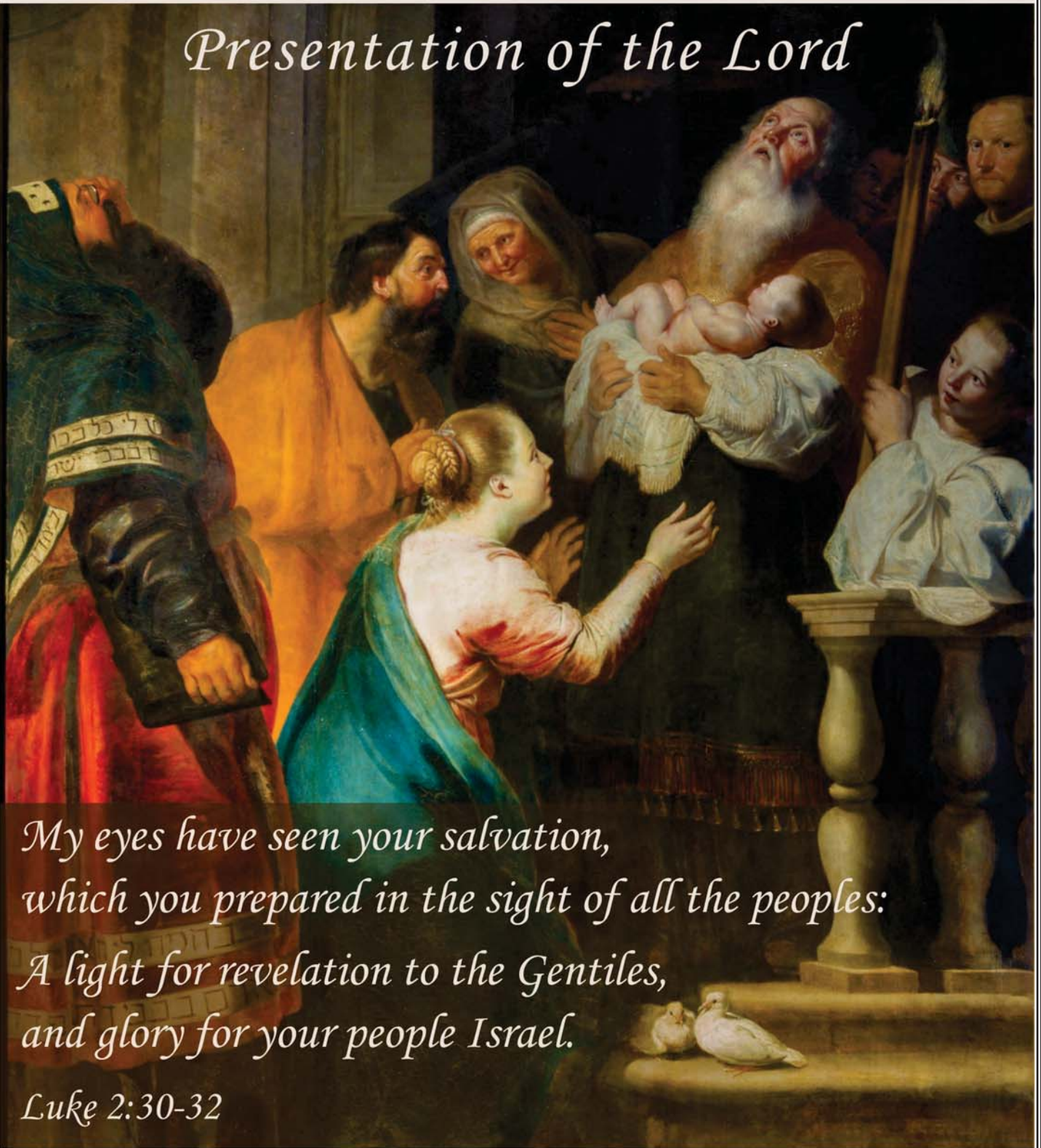


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*Star of the Sea Church*      *St. Joseph Church*  
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*February 2, 2025*

*Presentation of the Lord*



*My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:  
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.*

*Luke 2:30-32*



# St. André Bessette Parish

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

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## Let Us Celebrate

**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 65**

### 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.



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**AN ERA OF ANNIVERSARIES IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND I WANTED TO GIVE YOU AN EARLY ALERT!**

That’s right, 2026 will usher in the 150th Anniversary of Saint Joseph's Church and concurrently, the 75th Anniversary of Star of the Sea Church. Given that we are a year away from implementing any celebration plans, I would think that we can recruit a decent size group of planners from both our churches. They, in turn, can then help to create a wonderful, fun, and educational series of anniversary activities for all our parishioners.

The more planners the better and the more celebration ideas the better. Right now, I know we will need some graphic art and communications support, but there will be so much more. Some anniversary ideas suggested so far include:

1. Community service events involving both churches.
2. Parish wide barbecue/picnic
3. Some form of music celebration
4. One or more anniversary-related retreats
5. A return to the bean and ham supper at Star of the Sea
6. A return to the St. Patrick’s Day dinner at St. Joseph’s

You will hear more from us in the weeks ahead on these concurrent celebrations, and we will begin a more formal Steering Committee recruitment. In the meantime, if you wish to take a role in any of the above activities or have other ideas on what would be fitting for our celebrations, please e-mail me via Sue or Helen at SueG@StAndreB.org or HelenT@StAndreB.org.

Members of your Parish Council and Father Ron



**Society of St. Vincent De Paul  
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- January 15 - Michelle Parsons-\$40
- January 16 - Erin Horgan-\$40
- January 17 - Timothy Tuxbury-\$40
- January 18 - Jeff Blood-\$40
- January 19 - Lisa Leondires -\$50
- January 20 - Bridget Dougherty-\$50
- January 21 - Marie-Anne Gosselin-\$40
- January 22 - Edna O’Connell-\$40
- January 23 - Mike Driscoll-\$40
- January 24 - Beverly Doherty-\$40
- January 25 - Janet Flannery-\$40
- January 26 - Judy Watson-\$75
- January 27-Viola and Harry Ledoux-\$40
- January 28-Kathleen Lovell-\$50
- January 29-Don Beaulieu-\$40
- January 30-Edward Gagnon-\$40
- January 31-Rosalie Catalano-\$100



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If you are in need of a prayer shawl for a loved one, you may obtain one by calling Yvonne Wilkins at (978) 388-3806.

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**The Cold Months are here !**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society assist many people **year round**. They rely on your generous donations for them to be able to serve the less fortunate in our communities. The need is great, especially during this trying time.



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**Thank you and God Bless you.**



**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
- SPC Zachary Zbierajewski, US Army
- SSG Heath Coburn, US Army
- TSGT Meaghan Zieske, USAF
- CAPT William Austin, US Army
- SGT Jonathan Krafton, US Air National Guard
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- 1LT Eleanor Fremont-Smith, US Army

***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***

**To our Parishioners who have family members serving our nation...We Thank You.**



If your loved one has been promoted to a new rank or has been discharged from the military, please call the parish office at (978)388-0330, or email at [HelenT@StAndreB.org](mailto:HelenT@StAndreB.org) so we can update their status. Also, if you have a family member that entered the military and would like their name on our prayer list, please let the parish office know.

**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 2 - Giris Azize
- Monday, February 3 - Stephen Baruffi
- Tuesday, February 4 - Thomas Rashid
- Wednesday, February 5 - Dan Waldron
- Thursday, February 6 - Max Muenke
- Friday, February 7 - John Lynch
- Saturday, February 8 - David Cataline

**Prayer for Our Priest**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. 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.***



Edward Kelleher, Paul Palen, Hannah M., James Blood, Carole Young, Brian Donahue, Julio Folgar, Jennifer Campano, Joan Ferraro, Armand Hyatt, Sandra & Cliff Buttry, Jeanine Fowler, Sue James, Patrick Willwerth, Donna O'Neil, Renee Fowler, Linda Follansbee, Jeanne Turgeon, Eileen Hughes

***St. André Bessette...Pray for us  
Pray for us...St. André Bessette***





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**Today ‘s Second Collection**

Archbishop Richard G. Henning has called for special collection for relief efforts to help victims of the LA wildfires.

Today’s second collection is for this urgent cause.

Checks should be addressed to:

**St. André Bessette Parish.**

*Please write in the memo “LA Wildfires Relief”*

Thank you for your generosity to this important collection and expression of our solidarity with those who are suffering.

*Our acts of kindness never go unpaid, and a little love goes a long way toward transforming the world.*

**St. André Bessette**

**Combined Weekly Offertory**

**Star of the Sea and St. Joseph Churches**

Saturday / Sunday January 18,- 19, 2025

**Offertory**

73 Envelopes:	\$2,885.91
Loose:	\$1,819.80
Online Giving	<u>\$1,373.65</u>
Total:	\$6,079.36

**Second Collection - Heat**

Envelopes & Loose:	\$1,440.01
Online Giving	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
Total:	\$1,495.01

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

**Upcoming 2nd Collections**

February 2 - Fire Victims of California

February 9 - Parish Projects & Snow Removal

February 16 - Heat

February 23 - Church Around the World

**SNOW POLICY**



When school is cancelled due to inclement weather, either in Amesbury or Salisbury, the daily Mass will not be celebrated. This policy will give our custodial staff the time to clear the snow. Please remember, if it is not safe for our children to be out, it is certainly not safe for our parishioners to be driving to church. Thank you for your understanding.

**Note:** The parish office will also be closed.

**Weekend Offertory**

If you missed Mass on any particular weekend because of inclement or cold weather, as well as illnesses, we ask that your missed offertory donation be placed in the collection basket at the next weekend Mass or mail it to the Parish Office , 11 Sparhawk St. Amesbury, MA 01913 You can also make your donations online at [www.standreb.org](http://www.standreb.org)

Your contributions will help with the heating and snow removal for both properties. As always, your donations are greatly appreciated.

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Reverend Mister Chuck Hall	Deacon
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**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**Saturday, February 1**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Margaret Quinn & Susan  
Quinn Yelle

6:00 pm Star of the Sea - People of Our Parish

**Sunday, February 2**

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Eric Parthum

9:30 am St. Joseph - Mae Kelleher

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**Monday, February 3**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Celebrant's Intention

**Tuesday, February 4**

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Joyce & Joseph  
Meekins

**Wednesday, February 5**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Celebrant's Intention

**Saturday, February 8**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Teresa & Bill Axten

6:00 pm Star of the Sea -

**Sunday, February 9**

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Kevin McNulty

9:30 am St. Joseph - Leo Boudreau

**Monday, February 10**

9:00 am St. Joseph - James O'Connor

**Tuesday, February 11**

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Jonathan Huntington

**Wednesday, February 12**

9:00 am St. Joseph -



**St. Joseph Church, February 2025**

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