St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses:
Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM,
Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day Masses: See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday in the lower chapel, 8:30 AM-9:15AM or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:
Second & fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

Sacrament of Marriage:
Arranged at least 6 months in advance

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourselves. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will become active in our parish community and support your parish with your prayers, your presence, and your talents. Please call the Parish Office to register at 508-435-3313 x20.

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

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."
- Mk 13:35-36

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 6, 2026:
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
2Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 53 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
4PM Epifania and David Guzman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8AM Parishioners of St. John's
10AM Juan Porto (living intention)
6:30PM Special Intention

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
9AM In Thanksgiving for Saint Andrew

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
9AM Deborah Wall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
9AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
9AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
8AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4PM John & Carol Nimmo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8AM Parishioners of St. John's
10AM Theresa Karras
6:30PM For our Confirmation students

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Tuesday and 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.

HOPKINTON



COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation in the parish center following the 10AM Mass this Sunday.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, December 8, 2026
A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at **4PM Monday, December 7** and **9AM and 7PM on Tuesday, December 8** in the upper church.

Adult Religious Education Classes

Classes for adult Catholic faith formation are ongoing at St. John's. This catechetical instruction is offered for converts, the unbaptized, adult confirmations or for those seeking to be better informed in their faith. All are welcome! If you know anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. **Classes are held weekly on Tuesdays at 7PM in the parish center library.** Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.

Evening Opportunity for Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered **THIS Monday, November 30, and Monday, December 21, 6:30- 7:30PM in the lower chapel.**

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER
SAVE THE DATE

We will be having an Advent Evening of Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on **Monday, December 14, at 7PM in the lower chapel.** There will be opportunity for confessions as well.

Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will a have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, December 4, at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of those in the Church; and the sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.
"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."
—St. Mother Teresa

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the **First Saturday Devotion THIS Saturday, December 5 at 7:15AM in the lower chapel.** The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, December 5.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"...the culture of death is not an abstraction. It appears whenever the law treats the deliberate destruction of innocent human life as a right, a service, or a form of compassion. It appears in the normalization of abortion and in the growing acceptance of euthanasia and assisted suicide. It also appears when disability, dependency, age, and illness are made to seem like reasons why a human life has become less worthy of protection...Abortion and euthanasia are not merely unfortunate social choices or matters on which the Church happens to have a distinctive preference. They are grave violations of the moral law because they directly attack innocent life. No government can transform such an attack into a genuine human right." https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2026/10/10/the-vatican-should-reaffirm-the-culture-of-life/print

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.

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 the Conversion of Sinners and Prayers for the Dying

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

St. John's SVDP

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing support. Our fiscal year just ended (9/30/26) and we have provided assistance to over 150 families, mostly with food, rent, utilities, car repairs and insurance. We anticipate that this need will continue to grow, especially as we are heading into the Holiday and winter season. **As Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching, we are in urgent need of cash donations and gift cards.** All gift cards are welcome but the most useful, in $50 denominations are: Market Basket, Price Chopper, Target, Walmart, and gas cards. You can bring them to the Parish office, drop them in the boxes in the rear of the church, or mail them to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748. Prior to the pandemic, we offered and distributed meals to our local "friends in need" through a heavily discounted program from St. Vincent de Paul Council of Boston. Now, without that resource available, we look to continue our parish support by providing a gift card or two per family for a more bountiful holiday meal. Thank you again!

CURSILLO

Men's Weekend: December 3-6, 2026

Consider taking a weekend away with the Lord. Experience a CURSILLO Weekend! Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, held over a 3-day weekend. It is designed to help and teach you how to become Christ to the world. For more information, please contact Bill & Jeannette Krans at bjkrans@hotmail.com.

Religious Education Classes Collecting Donations for Mustard Seed

During this Advent Season, the Religious Education classes will be collecting socks, gloves, mittens, hats, hooded sweatshirts (can be gently used) & blankets for the Mustard Seed Soup kitchen in Worcester. During the month of December, please have your child bring an item to class. There will be boxes outside the Religious Education office that you could also place them in.
Thank you from the Religious Education Staff

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council is holding its annual poster contest and inviting all children between the ages of 5-14 to participate. It is a great way to show your creativity, have some fun and also focus some time thinking about what the Christmas season is truly all about. **Entry forms and paper will be available starting December 6 at the Religious Education Office**. There will be a prize for the 1st and 2nd place for each age category, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14, and all participants will receive a small gift for their participation. The deadline for submissions is December 16. The K of C is looking forward to seeing all the great posters.



St. John's Hopkinton Youth Ministry

Gingerbread House Making Contest!
Sunday December 13, 4:30PM-8PM

All grades 9-12 whether attending Hopkinton or the surrounding area are welcome to join our gingerbread house making competition! Build your best gingerbread house then join us for 6:30PM Mass. After Mass, our parishioners will be invited to the parish hall to vote on their favorite. Winner with the most votes gets a prize! We will provide icing, gingerbread cookie, and other gingerbread classics. **You must RSVP by December 6 to ensure we have enough supplies!** Sign up on our Facebook page: st.john'shopkintonyouthministry.

COAT DONATION DRIVE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus (KoC)

The KoC is accepting donations of slightly used coats for its annual collection Drive. There are donation containers at the back of the church. The KoC is seeking slightly used coats of all sizes (adult and child sizes) to support the winter needs of the local community. Coat collections will continue through Sunday, January 3rd. Thank you for your generosity! Should you have any questions or are aware of anyone in need of a coat, please contact Vin Lawler at (617) 899-2494.

COME LEARN ABOUT DEMENTIA

Join us for a **Dementia Friends Information Session**; the global movement that is changing the way people think, act, and talk about dementia. Also learn about the extensive resources available to support care partners and their families. Get informed and make a difference in the lives of people living with dementia! **Wednesday, December 9, 7-8:30PM, St. John's parish center**. To register call the Hopkinton Senior Center at 508-497-9730. Residents from all towns welcome! Sponsored by the Hopkinton Council on Aging.

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3,15-16, 18-19
1Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Today's readings, once again tell us something about the end times, and what is required of each of us to be prepared for the return of Christ. Isaiah pleads to the Lord, the father of his people, on behalf of the people, the Israelites. While acknowledging their sinfulness and hardness of their hearts, Isaiah's plea is that the Lord return to them in glory and with signs of the Lord's power to save them from their sins and to help them to be more mindful of the Lord in their ways, and what they should be doing to be blameless in how they live and conduct themselves. The Lord is their creator and father, as He is of us. Today's psalm reminds us that we are the clay, and our Lord and creator is the potter who is available to shape us according to His will and His ways. That psalm also cries out to the Lord to send the Son of Man, and to give them a new beginning, a new life.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul blesses them, and reminds them, and us that with discourse and knowledge we are in fellowship with Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and Savior. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells his apostles that they must be watchful and alert, and that they must not be sleeping when Jesus returns...a message to all: WATCH!

In today's crazy and violent world, including in the USA, these warnings are often ignored. Faith and the Church are under attack, and the there is little respect and protection of the God given and unalienable right to life. This even though the right to life is the most important of our unalienable rights bestowed on us by the Lord our Creator and our refuge. This is most terribly evident in the killing of the most innocent life on this planet (children, babies, and infants). Without the right to life, other rights bestowed upon us by God may become useless. Our Lord Jesus Christ defeated death, and life is the Lord's preference for all, especially that of our little ones. He expects us all to take a stand for life. As Saint Matthew wrote, "From the lips of children and infants You, Lord have called forth your praise" (Matthew 26:16). Pray, stand firm, live according to the will and ways of the Lord, be alert, and WATCH!



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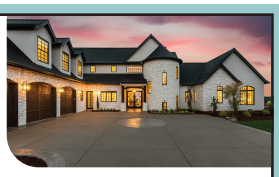
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